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Boom years blamed for equity trap

Major attacks 'crazy house price spiral'

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister sparked an outcry yesterday when he blamed the "crazy, almost unstoppable" house price spiral of the 1980s for the absence of a feelgood factor now.

John Major told Lincoln businessmen that the "white collar" recession arose after people took on much bigger mortgages than they should have done and then ended up with negative equity.

Opposition parties, charities and mortgage lenders immediately accused Mr Major of attacking home owners who had taken his advice during the housing boom of the 1980s when he was a Treasury minister.

The row coincided with warnings of a further slump in house prices, and one analyst said the slight drop last month could be "the calm before the storm".

Yesterday, Mr Major appeared to criticise the economic policy of the later years of the Thatcher Government, when he was Chief Secretary to the Treasury, as he told businessmen: "I recall the rather crazy situation existing towards the end of the 1980s with no immediately apparent way of stopping it. House prices went spiralling upwards and it was always likely that was going to stop at some stage. It did. But by the time it stopped, an awful lot of people had committed themselves to mortgages that were a good deal bigger than ideally they should have had.

"Suddenly inflation began to take off, interest rates began to rise, mortgage rates began to rise and house prices stopped rising and fell. The negative equity trap that has done so much to damage confidence began to hit us."

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor said: "Mr Major is blaming everyone but himself for the mistakes that have caused so much economic hardship to homeowners and others. This is a direct attack on Mrs Thatcher's Government in which he was an economic minister. Given his advice was wrong in the 1980s, why should anyone take his advice now?"

The Liberal Democrats accused Mr Major of playing a leading role in "stoking up the fires of excess and speculative fever" during his stint as as a Treasury minister. "People will be disgusted to see Mr Major trying to dodge responsibility for his own actions and attempting to rewrite history," Malcolm Bruce, the party's Treasury spokesman, said.

Shelter, the charity for the homeless, condemned Mr Major's remarks as ill-informed and thoroughly disingenuous. Louise Casey, its director of housing services said the Government was responsible for the mess that Britain's homeowners were in. "Policies such as the right-to-buy and the deregulation of the private rented sector, which reduced social housing stock and increased private rents, have meant that for many people there has been no viable alternative to home ownership," she said.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders rejected the implication that lenders were to blame. "Problems most often arise because of redundancy, relationship breakdown or because of reduced incomes when people are put on short working time. It is hard to attribute these to mortgage lenders. By abolishing tax relief and raising interest rates the Government seemed to change the ground rules."

Building societies and City analysts offered no hope for those still struggling with negative equity yesterday, when they reported that the housing market was still falling. The Nationwide Building Society reported that prices fell by 0.7 per cent last month, although they were slightly higher than this time last year. The Halifax is expected to report a drop in both the monthly and annual figures when it reports later today.

Ian Shepherdson, UK economist at Midland Global Markets, said that last month's marginal fall could be the calm before the storm as people who wanted to sell would be forced to drop their prices over the summer because fewer people were househunting.

Mr Major told the Lincolnshire businessmen, however, that economic circumstances were now picking up and and the country was heading for a classic economic recovery.



PAUL COUSANS

Police search the wooded country park area near Oldham where the two 12-year-old girls were attacked

Hunt for attacker of girls aged 12

BY KATE ALDERSON

POLICE were hunting yesterday for a hooded youth who raped two 12-year-old girls as they walked home from a picnic in the countryside.

The youth, wearing a balaclava with eye-slits, threatened to kill the girls as they pushed their bicycles home from a country park in Oldham. They were forced to strip and were then blindfolded and tied by their shoelaces to a tree.

After raping them, the attacker demanded their names and addresses before walking off with their clothes, which were later found soaking wet in a nearby culvert. The girls, hysterical and in tears, managed to free themselves and were found in a state of shock by two women out walking. They took them to a house 200 yards away and called the police.

Det Chief Inspector Geoff Isaacs, who is leading the Greater Manchester Police inquiry, said: "This was an absolutely despicable attack on two very respectable, innocent little girls. We are most anxious to catch this man before he has the chance to strike again."

The girls had spent Wednesday afternoon picnicking at a grassy spot, formerly known as Strinesdale reservoir in the Waterhead district of Oldham. The reservoir area was described by Mr Isaacs as lonely and, in spite of money being spent to improve it, desolate. The girls had been "totally defenceless against this monstrous attack".

Police believe the attacker was a white youth aged between 16 and 18, 5ft 8in tall with a chubby face and build. He was wearing a black zip-up jacket with a zip pocket on the sleeve, a grey t-shirt with red edging and a picture on it, blue-grey jogging bottoms and blue and white trainers. He had two chains round his neck and a black shoelace necklet with something dangling from it. His fingernails were badly bitten.

An 18-year-old man from the area was interviewed by police yesterday and detectives said they would be questioning a number of other suspects.

Another 12-year-old girl was raped by a teenager last Thursday as she cycled near the Leeds-Liverpool canal in Wigan, Greater Manchester. Detectives on both inquiries are liasing with each other but a police spokesman said they had not linked the two incidents "at this stage".

Boots attacks fat-cat perks

BY SARAH BAGNALL

A DAY after 4,500 Sids vented their anger at British Gas's annual meeting over its executives' lavish perks and pay, Boots the chemist has scrapped executive-share options, the focus of public anger over corporate "fat cats".

Boots is the first big British company to abandon the options, cherished as a route to instant wealth. The move has been initiated by Sir Michael Angus, the chairman, who is also a member of the Greenbury committee which is trying to draw up guidelines on senior industrialists' pay. The committee is expected to be highly critical of share options when it reports next month.

Sir Michael said: "We have decided not to issue any more share options to executives. Furthermore, we are reducing all the directors' contracts from three years to two, with no compensation."He added that companies are under pressure to reduce the length of executive contracts because they allow directors to receive pay-offs even when they fail.

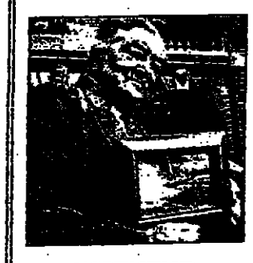
Sir Michael said a new long-term incentive scheme would link directors' pay to the company's performance in comparison with its rivals.

An earlier incentive plan led to Sir James Blyth, the chief executive, increasing his pay by more than £200,000 last year. He earned £888,000, almost twice as much as Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief whose pay has generated so much fury.

☐ THE British Gas board has inflicted a crushing defeat on its 4,500 small investors who on Wednesday rejected five of the six directors up for re-election on a show of hands. Proxy votes from institutional investors gave the directors an easy victory. Mr Brown was re-elected with 97.6 per cent support.

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The Queen hears of ordeal of hostages' families

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen yesterday heard at first hand the fears of the families of the Royal Welch Fusiliers who are being held hostage by the Serbs.

On a visit to the regiment's base at Haverfordwest in Dyfed, the Queen — who is their colonel-in-chief — talked to the wives and children of five of the hostages.

The Queen was said to have listened intently and with compassion as the wives described their ordeal since their husbands were taken hostage at the weekend.

Karen Smith, 24, whose husband Mark is serving in Bosnia, spoke for the unnamed hostages' wives when she said: "It really perked us up to have the Queen visit at a time like this. Now I will be able to write to Mark to tell him the Queen came to support us while he is over there."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "It was naturally a subdued and anxious atmosphere. It was an opportunity for the wives to tell the Queen about their predicament and their concerns. It was also a chance for the Queen to ask how they are coping with a very difficult situation."

As the Queen offered her personal condolences, the wife of the one RAF officer also being held hostage by the Serbs released his name because she wanted to show how proud she was of him and of the job he was doing in Bosnia.

Flight Lieutenant Andy Hall, 28, of the RAF Regiment,

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MPs vote on secret Maxwell evidence

BY JAMES LANDALE AND JON ASHWORTH

THE House of Commons will vote next week on whether to release secret parliamentary papers relating to the Maxwell trial.

MPs will debate on Thursday whether to allow the court access to evidence given in private to the Commons Social Security Select Committee during its 1992 investigation into the Maxwell affair.

Robert Jackson, Tory MP for Wantage, petitioned the House last month on behalf of Kevin Maxwell, his constituent, to release the papers. If the House agrees, the trial judge, Mr Justice Phillips, will decide whether the evidence can be heard in court.

Frank Field, chairman of the select committee, said Mr Jackson will have to persuade the House to break its word that evidence would remain private. MPs would have to balance parliamentary privilege against the privilege of a defendant. "It raises fundamental constitutional issues."

Jurors at the Old Bailey were told that bankers to the Robert Maxwell publishing empire grew increasingly alarmed in the weeks before he drowned, despite repeated assurances that there was no cash crisis.

Maxwell's sons Kevin and Ian and two financial executives deny fraud charges. Alan Suckling, QC, for the prosecution, spoke of "dodging and diving" as Kevin tried to placate creditors.

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Second-hand spaceship for sale: serious offers only

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

IF YOUR sports car is too slow and your private jet flies too low, then Victor Rylkov has just the status vehicle for you: a fully operational second-hand Russian space shuttle in mint condition — a snip at $10 million.

An advertisement appeared in the classified section of *The New York Times* this week offering to sell the 70-ton Buran spacecraft to any "serious" buyer. Mr Rylkov can also offer another Buran, unsuitable for space flight, and hopes to have two more shuttles available soon. If he is satisfied with the buyer's intentions, he says he can deliver within four to six weeks.

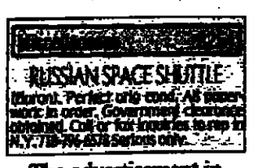
"You can buy almost anything in Russia these days if you know the right people," said Mr Rylkov, Russian-born president of the New York-based import company TradeQuest International, who is acting as middle-man in the sale. He claims to have obtained export permission from the Russian Government.

He said yesterday that he had received numerous inquiries in response to the advertisement, which ran on Tuesday and Wednesday. "We're trying to sort out the serious responses at the moment.

"Most of the calls are from businessmen who want to use it as a tourist attraction, but some of them have said they might try to launch the shuttle later on." He hopes that the buyer will be a museum, a collector or Disneyland, and insisted: "There are no foreign governments involved."

The Buran, which was first tested in 1988, cost an estimated $29 billion to develop. Mystery surrounds the project and it is unknown whether the craft was ever successfully launched into space. The project petered out with the collapse of the Soviet Union.

☐ Woodpeckers have punched holes in insulation surrounding the fuel tank of the space shuttle *Discovery*, which could delay next week's scheduled launch. A total of 71 holes have been found, ranging in diameter from half an inch to four inches.



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Major to defy calls for Cabinet shake-out

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR is expected to defy demands from Tory MPs for a radical shake-up of the Government this summer.

He is planning to carry out two government reshuffles before the next general election. But with Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, now firmly expected to stay on beyond the July reshuffle, the Prime Minister has decided to leave the big changes until the summer of 1996 when he will be less than a year from the last day on which the next election can be held.

A limited shake-up of the Cabinet, including the replacement of Jeremy Hanley as party chairman and a move for Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, remains almost certain next month. There will also be a number of changes in the junior ministerial ranks, some of them forced on the Prime Minister. Several middle-ranking ministers are understood to have privately indicated to Downing Street that they wish to stand down this summer.

But Mr Major has decided that a substantial revamp, designed to give the Government a fresh look in the run-up to the election, should be delayed until next year.

Mr Hurd may decide to leave the Government at that time. If so, his departure would lead to a substantial shake-up in the top government posts. It is now highly unlikely that there will be changes in the "big three" posts of Foreign Secretary, Home Secretary and Chancellor next month.

Mr Hurd's expected decision to stay on will please party loyalists, who believe that Mr Major will be glad to have him by his side during the critical period this autumn when talk of a challenge to his leadership seems certain to resurface.

As *The Times* reported last month, Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, is a leading candidate to replace Mr Hanley as party chairman. He is close to Mr Major and, unlike others whose names have been canvassed for the job, is thought by friends to be keen to do it.

Mrs Bottomley is firmly expected to move from the Health Department, battered by a bruising battle with Conservative MPs over the reorganisation of London's hospitals. But she is expected to stay in the Cabinet. Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary and a former junior health minister, is seen by many as the most appropriate successor to Mrs Bottomley. Mr Hanley is a strong candidate for the job of National Heritage Secretary.

Mr Major's decision to leave his most significant reshuffle until next year will disappoint the right-wing Euro-sceptic wing of the party, which has been pressing for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to be moved and Mr Hurd, and a promotion for Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary. It could mean that ministers who are knocking on the Cabinet door, such as Michael Forsyth, the Home Office minister, will have to wait until next year.

A 1996 shake-up will also be designed to give the Government a new look as the Conservatives embark on the daunting task of trying to win a fifth successive general election. The Prime Minister has already brought forward the process for drawing up the next election manifesto. After receiving reports from over 30 policy groups, Mr Major and senior ministers will embark on a tour to consult Tory activists about the manifesto. His efforts are intended to show that the Government is still full of ideas.

Mr Major apparently intends to delay for as long as possible before calling an election, to give the Tories as much time as possible to recover. The most likely date at present is the spring of 1997.



Ealing studios have produced some of Britain's best-loved comedies, including Kind Hearts and Coronets (above, starring Alec Guinness), Passport to Pimlico (below left) and The Lavender Hill Mob, with Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway. Now it is to come to life again





Ealing studios rescued from receivership

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

EALING Studios, birthplace of classic comedy films such as *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, *The Lavender Hill Mob* and *Passport To Pimlico*, was rescued from receivership yesterday.

The deal, which will be confirmed in the Commons by Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, on Tuesday, will provide the National Film and Television School with an operational film base and allow the BBC to continue to use the historic West London studios.

In a complex two-stage deal, the studios were sold to the BBC, which then passed them on to the National Film and Television School for more than £2 million, using money provided from the Sports and Art Foundations, which is itself funded by the pools companies.

A spokesman for the BBC said that it was delighted to have been able to act as an intermediary in the transfer of the studios from the receivers. "This will preserve the site's heritage," he said.

The BBC initially sold the studios to a company called BBFK in June 1992 for £6 million, payable in instalments. BBKK made a downpayment to the Corporation two years ago, but collapsed with substantial debts. Before yesterday's sale, it still owed the BBC more than £2 million. The structure of deal was designed to recoup the Corporation's losses.

The rescue of the studios represents a major achievement for the British television and film production industry. Feature films have not been produced at Ealing since the mid-Fifties when the BBC acquired the studios and went on to use them them for some of its most successful programmes, such as *Colditz* and *The Singing Detective*. BBC programme-makers will now be able to continue using Ealing's facilities at commercial rates.

It is understood that the School intends to relocate from its headquarters in Beaconsfield to Ealing. It has also submitted an application to the Arts Council for an estimated £2.5 million of National Lottery funding for new equipment and training facilities. Sir David Puttnam, who is chairman of the School and a member of the Arts Council Lottery board, is believed to be supporting the application.

☐ Hertsmere Borough Council in Hertfordshire yesterday announced a rescue plan for the disused Elstree Studios, home of *Star Wars* and *Indiana Jones*.

The council has threatened to place a compulsory purchase order on the studios, unless their owner, the leisure group Brent Walker, agrees to sell them for film use within 14 days.

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Scottish sleeper to run all next week

THE threatened Fort William sleeper train service will run at least until the end of next week while three Scottish appeal judges decide whether British Rail acted legally in attempting to close it down.

The judges will consider the appeal made yesterday by British Rail against a court ruling last month that the line should remain open until statutory closure procedures were completed. Lord Hope, sitting in the Court of Session, said it was "an important case". Written judgment is expected on Wednesday.

ScotRail, which operates the service, said it would continue to take bookings until next Friday, whatever the outcome.

The court had earlier been told of plans for a new sleeper link between Fort William and London that would mean passengers switching trains in Edinburgh in the middle of the night.

Christopher Haddow, QC, for British Rail, said his intention was to overturn the earlier ruling but, failing that, to argue for alternatives that would balance the books.

Alex Lynch, ScotRail's deputy director and finance director, later played down the proposed new sleeper. "It was a purely hypothetical point made by counsel."

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Nursery funding for 4-year-olds divides Cabinet

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GILLIAN SHEPHARD, the Education Secretary, is seeking around £300 million over the next three years to deliver John Major's promise of a nursery school place for every child aged four.

Her efforts to resolve a battle over the shape of the proposed scheme appear to be making little headway. It is understood that a Cabinet committee meeting scheduled for next week has been postponed amid divisions over the details of the package and the timing of the introduction of the new places.

The Education Secretary had hoped to settle the dispute by putting local authorities in control of future expansion while appeasing the Tory Right by promising trials of vouchers in about a dozen areas. The core of her plan is a bidding system supervised by a new quango or the Education Department in which local authorities and the voluntary and private sectors compete for the cash to provide places for an extra 135,000 four-year-olds.

She wants about £20 million extra this year, plus about £150 million in each of the next two years to get her scheme off the ground.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary, are worried about the costs of placing nursery education under the control of local councils. They also fear that Mrs Shephard's offer of pilot schemes to try out vouchers is a smokescreen for killing off an idea long championed by the party's Thatcherites.

Rightwingers have said privately that Mrs Shephard's scheme is skewed so heavily in favour of the state sector that it will kill off many of the existing private and voluntary nurseries and come close to "nationalising" provision for the under-fives. It is also being emphasised in Whitehall that the Government is not committed to universal provision of places before the next election for all four-year-olds, 80 per cent of whom already have a place at a local authority nursery school, a private nursery or a play group run by the voluntary sector.

Other right-wing ministers, including Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, and John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, are understood to have their doubts about Mrs Shephard's proposals. John Major is worried that her plans will end all realistic prospect of vouchers becoming the norm for education of the under-fives.

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Hostage's family 'very proud of him'

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based at Honington in Suffolk, is being held at Blazuj, west of Sarajevo. His wife, Jackie, who is an air stewardess and lives in married quarters at RAF Honington, was too upset to comment publicly but asked the RAF to speak on her behalf.

Group Captain Ian McNeil, RAF Honington station commander, said: "He is a very able and mature officer with considerable experience. If anyone is able to cope with the situation it will be him." An RAF Honington spokesman said Flt Lt Hall's wife was "very proud of him and decided to name him in recognition of the job he has been doing".

Flt Lt Hall is the Queen's standard bearer for the 2,000-strong RAF regiment which he joined ten years ago. He volunteered for duty in Bosnia as an unarmed UN military observer. Earlier this year he served as a UN training officer for Central American troops in Haiti.

He is the only British member of a six-man UN monitoring team based in Serb territory east of Sarajevo. He and the 33 hostages from the Royal Welch Fusiliers have now been denied radio contact with their UN base. Group Capt McNeil said: "He [Flt Lt Hall] is under control of the Bosnian Serb Army. We have no direct contact with him but they are still in their same accommodation."

Flt Lt Hall, one of eight RAF regiment officers in Bosnia, last spoke to UN officers on Tuesday before his radio was taken away.

Group Captain McNeil said: "We have no reasons to be overly concerned about him at this stage. All of the monitoring teams are under similar restrictions. They have water and electricity and are not being shelled, which is better than the situation for a lot of civilians in the area."

Earlier the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh joined in prayers for the safe and early release of the soldiers at nearby St David's Cathedral during a ceremony to grant city status to the birthplace of Wales's patron saint.

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RAF pilot feared dead after jet ditches

A pilot was feared dead last night after a Harrier jet ditched in the Irish Sea off the coast of Scotland. An RAF Nimrod and two helicopters, helped by fishing boats, searched for the pilot in Wigtown Bay.

The crew of the fishing boat *Crusader* reported finding debris, including a nose cone and pieces of fuselage, and the Liverpool Coastguard said a helmet, wreckage and pilot's notes had been found.

The research establishment at Boscombe Down, Salisbury, said the aircraft had left on a routine flight with only the pilot on board. An amateur video film, understood to show the Harrier flying upside down seconds before it crashed, has been handed to police.

Euro-vote urged

Labour members of the European Parliament advocated a further weakening of Britain's veto over European legislation. Setting out their agenda for next year's inter-governmental conference on the European Union, they said the party would push for majority voting on the arts and competition policy, such as state aid for industry.

Private jails

The first prisons in Britain to be financed, built and run by private-sector companies will open for business in 1997, Derek Lewis, director-general of the Prison Service, said yesterday. The first two of six proposed jails will be at Fazakerley in Merseyside and Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan. The Prison Service will pay a set fee for each inmate.

Mills case charge

A 17-year-old youth appeared in court yesterday accused of robbing John Mills, the husband of the Director of Public Prosecutions. He was remanded in custody by Westminster South Youth Court until June 8. Ten other youths who were questioned by police after the attack in Camden, north London, on Tuesday, have been bailed for 14 days.

Dog savages girl

A girl aged four needed 70 stitches in her face and may be scarred for life after being savaged by a bulldog. The dog attacked Joy Oliver's whippet before turning on her. Joy underwent plastic surgery at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne. The bulldog has been destroyed and its owner charged with failing to keep it under control.

Press inquiry

The Press Complaints Commission is to reopen its inquiry into the use of subterfuge by *The Sunday Times* to investigate two Tory MPs accused of accepting £1,000 to table a parliamentary question. The move follows allegations of a discrepancy between the paper's evidence to the PCC and its evidence to the Commons Privileges Committee.

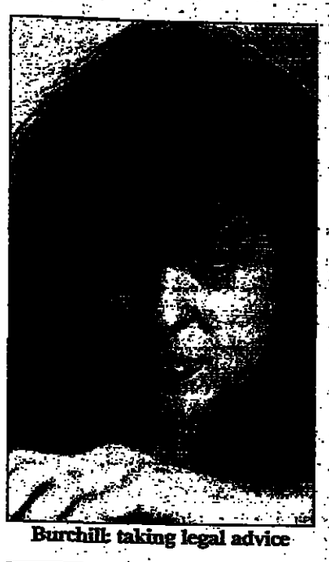
Motorist jailed

Gary Scott, 22, of Langham, Essex, who fired blanks from a pistol out of his car window to threaten a driver who had tried to overtake him as they drove along the A22 in East Sussex, was jailed for six months yesterday. He admitted possessing an imitation firearm with intent to make another motorist believe he was in danger.

Hermit wanted

The chance to become Scotland's seventh island hermit arose yesterday when the island of Texa, off the southern coast of Islay, was put on the market for £80,000. Included is a cottage and the remains of a monks' settlement. The sale was announced after the Scottish Office disclosed that there were six people living alone on Scottish islands.

Burchill magazine goes down with dirty washing flying


Burchill: taking legal advice

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH AND EMMA WILKINS

A SPECTACULAR row between Julie Burchill, the newspaper columnist and co-owner of *The Modern Review* and the magazine's editor Toby Young, is leading to its closure today.

Mr Young announces in his editorial that today's issue is the last and blames a lesbian affair between Miss Burchill and one of the magazine's contributors, Charlotte Raven, a 25-year-old freelance journalist, for the closure. Mr Young said Miss Burchill's attitude to the magazine changed when she left her husband to move in with Miss Raven.

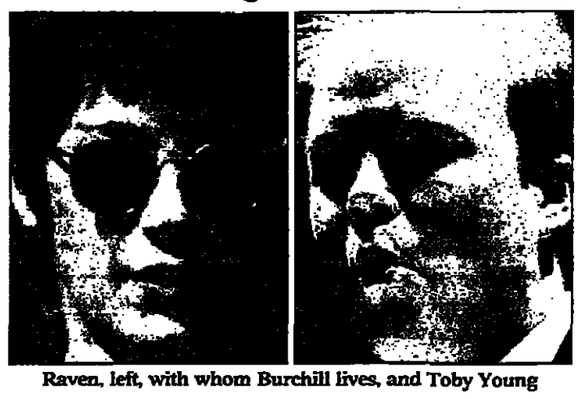
He said: "She became a radical, feminist, lesbian, separatist and wanted to turn the magazine into a cross between *Spare Rib* and *The New Statesmen*," he said. "She and Charlotte became more and more critical, trying to win over the other staff. The atmosphere was very acrimonious. When she said she didn't want to see my face again, I took that as her resignation from the board."

Miss Burchill, 34, is considering legal action over Mr Young's unilateral decision. The pair co-founded the magazine devoted to popular culture four years ago. Miss Burchill, whose best-selling novel *Ambition* explores various aspects of lesbianism, has left her husband Cosmo Landesman, a writer, by whom she has a nine-year-old son, Jack.

While she has denied a sexual affair with Miss Raven, a contributor to *The Modern Review*, Miss Burchill has publicly confirmed that the couple are in love.

Mr Young said that when Miss Burchill moved in with Miss Raven, her aims for the magazine changed. There have been 21 issues of the black and white publication, which is produced on a tight budget from Mr Young's home in Shepherd's Bush, west London. "We have always scrimped and saved. The investment over four years amounted to £40,000," he said. "Two months ago I asked Julie if she was prepared to put in another £5,000 but she didn't want to.

"I therefore took the decision to close without consulting her," he added. Mr Young said it was foolish of Miss Burchill to think of taking legal action. "We own half of the voting shares each. She is silly to be thinking of legal action. I don't know where she gets the impression she owns 51 per cent. She can't have looked at her bank statements for five years," he said. In an article to his readers, explaining the reasons for closure, Mr Young wrote: "As our enemies have long predicted, Julie Burchill and I have fallen out and we're bringing our empire down with us. Having taken aim at every British cultural icon, we have turned our guns on each other. We have parted company in a barrage of expletives, vowing never to speak to each other again." Miss Burchill said she believed the unilateral decision to close the magazine was illegal. "To say I am upset is not the word — I am amazed. I understand that what he is doing is illegal and I am taking legal advice. A long time ago a lot of people were saying he was the wrong man for the job and I tried to change the direction of the magazine. He decided if he couldn't have it, no one would. The magazine ran out of money because of the moronic direction he was taking it. He doesn't have an idea in his head," she said.


Raven, left, with whom Burchill lives, and Toby Young

The magazine prided itself on providing low culture for highbrows. Its reviews included paeons of praise for Arnold Schwarzenegger films.

David Runciman, a research scholar at Trinity College Cambridge, wrote a lengty essay on the behaviour of England football player Paul Gascoigne under the title *Wazza Mazza Wiz Gazza?* The magazine has not been without its critics, inluding Martin Amis, the novelist, who dismissed its staff as under-achieving self-publicists.

British girlfriend at Reeve's bedside

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE British former girlfriend of the paralysed Superman actor Christopher Reeve joined a dozen members of his family, including his divorced parents and his wife, at his hospital bedside last night.

A spokeswoman at the University of Virginia Medical Centre said: "It sure looks like they are a close family and they are being very gracious at a difficult time."

Doctors said that with every hour that he lies breathing only with the aid of a respirator, Reeve's chances of survival grow dimmer. Reeve, 42, broke his neck and injured his spinal cord when he tumbled headlong from a horse on Saturday.

Gae Exton, who had an 11-year relationship with the star, flew to America by Concorde with their children earlier this week. The former model and daughter of a Bournemouth hotelier met Reeve during the shooting of the first Superman film. The couple have two children, Matthew, 16, and Alexandra, 12.

They split up in 1988 but Reeve gave Ms Exton the home they shared in west London and returned to Britain frequently to see his children. He is now married to the actress Dana Morosini, with whom he has a three-year-old son.

Experts in spinal injuries say that the actor's failure to regain any movement in the first 24 hours after the accident mean his chances of recovery were dwindling rapidly. "Every hour after that it becomes less likely that you'll have meaningful neurological recovery," Mindy Aisen, head of the spinal injury department at Berk Rehabilitation Hospital in New York, said.

Reeve's most recent role was as a paralysed policeman in a television film, *Above Suspicion*, shown in America last month. He visited a spinal injuries unit to research the part and an interview in which he spoke about the patients was televised on Wednesday. "It is frightening how easily life can change," Reeve told the interviewer. "One moment eveything is fine and then the world falls apart. It is terrifying what these people have to face."

The hospital said that Reeve's condition had not changed since he was admitted on Saturday. The complex fractures to his first and second cervical vertebrae at the base of the skull and the resulting damage to the spinal cord have effectively cut off all signals from the brain controlling bodily movement.

A British spinal injuries expert said that if Reeve did survive, he might never breathe unaided again. Kbokal Krishnan said the actor was likely to have to recuperate for a year before surgery could take place to help him breathe more independently. He suspects Reeve will always need help from a ventilator, but this would not condemn him to a life wired to a machine. Sophisticated radio-controlled medical equipment could be inserted into his body to help him breathe, Mr Krishnan, a consultant at Southport District General Hospital, said.

"The fact that the site of the fracture is so high and that he is not breathing suggests this poor man may never breathe again," he said. "But we can put radio frequency-controlled stimulators inside a person's chest connected to the nerves that supply the diaphragm. By using a small radio transmitter, we can stimulate the person to breathe." Such equipment costs up to £45,000 in the United States.


Reeve in his first Superman film, released in 1978


MICHAEL FRESCO

Dennis Wise, appealing against a three-month term for criminal damage and assault, arriving at court yesterday flanked by his agent and solicitor

Taxi driver 'invented assault by footballer'

BY EMMA WILKINS

A TAXI-DRIVER who claimed he was assaulted by Dennis Wise, the Chelsea and England footballer, invented the attack in order to safeguard his livelihood, a court was told yesterday.

Gerald Graham, 65, could have lost his badge over the fracas, Southwark Crown Court was told. Wise, 28, who is appealing against a jail sentence of three months for criminal damage and assault, claimed he lashed out at Mr Graham to try to stop him driving off after the taxi door hit his girlfriend, Geraldine Lennon, last October.

Adrian Fulford, QC, for Wise, said that Mr Graham, who admitted that he had heard Miss Lennon scream, had been convicted by magistrates of assaulting a passenger five years ago. "You would have lost your badge if you were found guilty of a second assault on a passenger. You realised that unless you shifted the blame, you would lose your livelihood." But Mr Graham, who had been fined £50, said the idea had never entered his mind.

Mr Fulford said: "Miss Lennon was getting out of the cab when you moved forward quickly," Mr Fulford said. "It knocked her off her feet, banged into her arm and she was dragged along, screaming." Mr Graham said his foot had accidentally slipped off the brake as he dodged Wise's blows.

After Wise and Miss Lennon had left a nightclub in Kensington, Mr Graham had stopped for them, and Wise asked him to go to Shepherds Bush. But after Miss Lennon had got in, the couple asked for a destination beyond the six miles which drivers are obliged to take passengers.

Wise "went berserk" and smashed the partition between the driver and passenger with his feet when Mr Graham refused to take him, the taxi driver said. Mr Fulford said Wise could not have kicked the glass, because he had been injured playing football and had his ankle strapped up.

Mr Graham had submitted a compensation claim for repairs to damage on his taxi unconnected with the incident, Mr Fulford said. Mr Graham said he could not account for the claim form, which he said was filled in by his business partner. Despite having claimed lost earnings for 12 days while his taxi was repaired, Mr Graham admitted that he had worked for a few hours on some of those days. The appeal, before Judge Butler, QC, continues today.

☐ A spectator who punched a footballer during a Second Division match was yesterday banned by High Wycombe magistrates from all football grounds for 12 months. Gary Bray, 32, hit Jason Cousins, of Wycombe Wanderers, during a home match against Huddersfield Town last December. Bray, who admitted assault and disorderly conduct, was fined £325 and told to pay £75 compensation and costs.

Fans cry foul over phoney Germans

BY EMMA WILKINS

FANS of American football are being offered free tickets as compensation after they watched an "international" match in which almost all the players came from Sheffield.

The 1,000 spectators cheered wildly when the home side, Sheffield Great Britain Spartans, took to the field against a team apparently from Munich. Both teams in the Sheffield Arena fell silent as the German national anthem was played before the game last Saturday. Some observers were impressed that the "German" players did not need to remove their helmets and faceguards despite the heat.

But their faces were concealed because the Munich team was made up almost entirely of players from the Sheffield reserve side, who were rushed on to the field when the real Germans failed to turn up.

Terry Smith, Spartans manager and club owner, admits to some embarrassment. "Faced with a shortfall in Munich players, I had no alternative but to supplement the German side, or call the game off, which would have caused more disappointment. If anyone is upset they can have free tickets for three games," he said. He claimed that six genuine Munich players did turn up, but only three played together at any one time. He was unable to name any of the German side.

One fan said he was disappointed and felt cheated. He had only realised that the foreign side was home-grown when a player took off his helmet at the end and he recognised him as one of the Sheffield reserves. "I feel let down. We were wildly clapping our own side but in fact we were being duped," he said. The final score, was 108-62 in favour of the Spartans.

Accused reprieves courtroom wasp

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WASP that was about the suffer the ultimate punishment at the hands of a prosecuting solicitor was rescued yesterday by an animal rights activist on trial for protesting against veal exports.

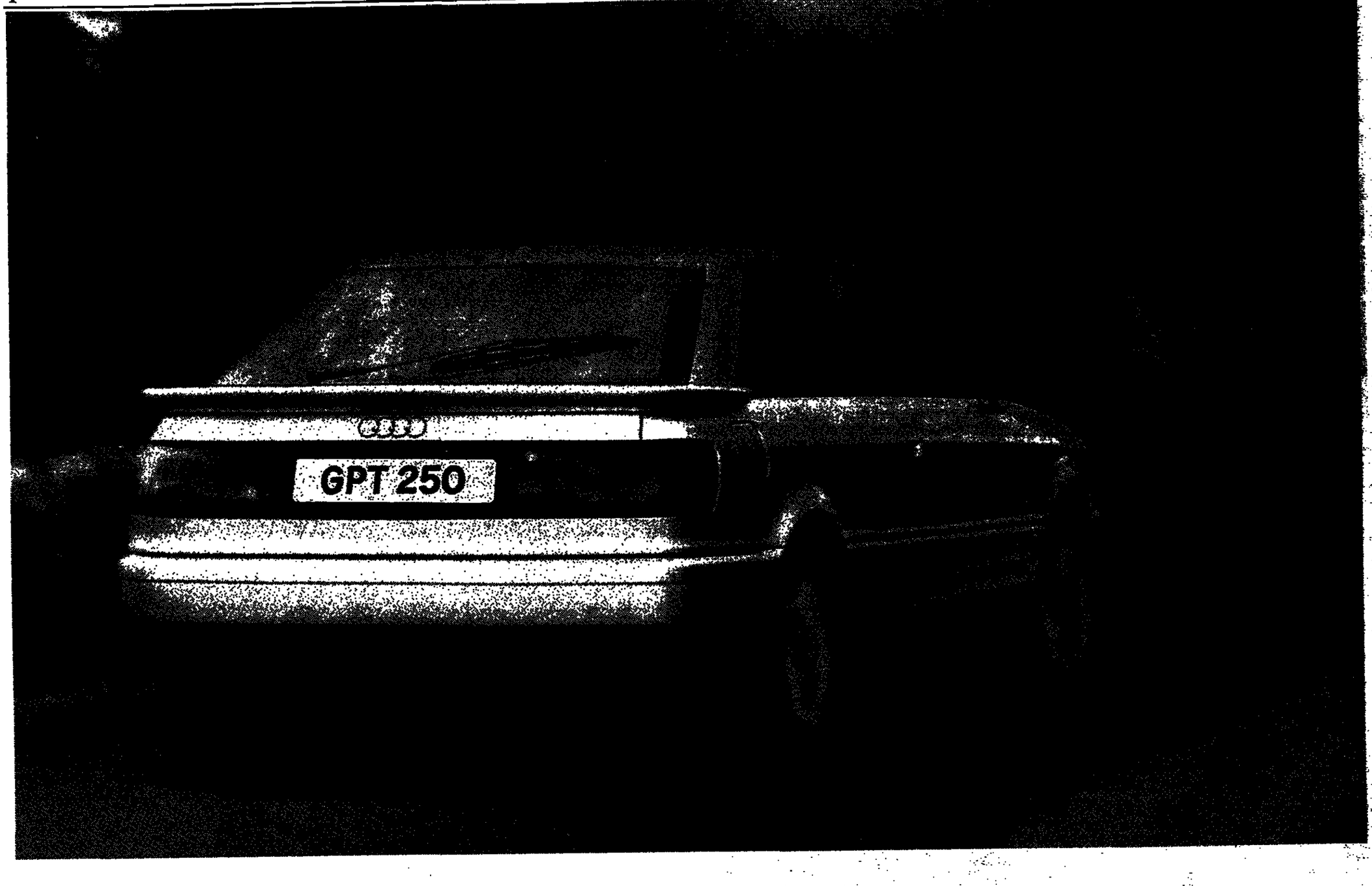
Elizabeth Rose Crocker asked for proceedings at Easingwold, North Yorkshire, to be halted because the wasp's buzzing was affecting her concentration. The magistrates agreed, but, as Simon Orme, the prosecuting solicitor, prepared to swat the offender with some rolled-up papers, Crocker jumped to her feet, pleading: "Please don't hurt it."

For the next three minutes the wasp flew around the tiny No 2 courtroom, with its 20ft-high ceiling, before being ushered, unharmed, through a window.

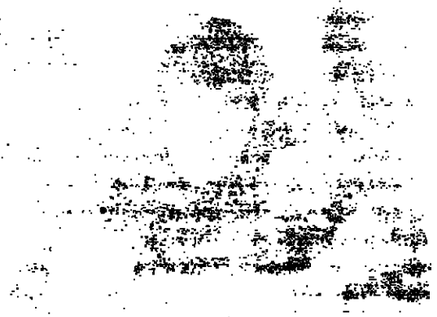
Crocker, 33, of Sandiford, Newcastle upon Tyne, had denied wilfully obstructing the highway at Strensall, near York, during a protest earlier this year against the export of five veal calves by Albert Hall Farms, of Strensall. Mr Orme, a former soldier, was on his feet addressing the magistrates when Crocker announced: "I am being distracted and I can't concentrate."

When proceedings resumed, she was found guilty, conditionally discharged for 12 months and ordered to pay £100 costs.





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Cheering Dubliners greet Prince and silence protesters

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN DUBLIN

THOUSANDS of Dubliners took to the streets yesterday to offer the Prince of Wales a heartfelt welcome, marred only by an isolated egg-throwing incident.

Republican Ireland showed itself kindly disposed towards the first official visitor from the old enemy's royal house for 84 years, with Irish dignitaries spouting sometimes embarrassingly enthusiastic speeches of greeting, and the crowds on the pavements cheering and applauding with gusto to drown out small but vociferous knots of protesters.

College Green in the city centre was packed with spectators crammed behind barriers as the Prince undertook an impromptu 400-yard walk from a newly opened British tourist office to the gates of Trinity College, accompanied by Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister. Surrounded by a phalanx of police and television crews, he stopped frequently to grasp some of the hundreds of out-stretched hands. The Prince's warm welcome encouraged speculation that the Queen would be issued an invitation to visit Ireland soon.

Among the crowd yesterday a small group of demonstrators, who established a presence at the Prince's every public appearance, shouted: "Remember Bloody Sunday" and invited him to go home. The Prince had just moved on from talking across the barrier to Eileen McBain when an egg, clearly destined for him, spattered Mrs McBain's coat. Two more hit the motor-cade crawling alongside the royal party.

Police immediately crowded closer round the Prince, but he continued his glad-handing of the crowd with a regal lack of concern. Three men were immediately arrested and taken to a nearby police station for questioning.

Mrs McBain, 53, was furious. "I'm so annoyed at these people; I'm just glad Prince Charles didn't get hit. My clothes are ruined, but I'll live with that; it was such a thrill to talk to him."

Shortly afterwards, in the quadrangle of Trinity College, where the Prince saw the sixth century manuscript of *The Book of Kells*, another man who shouted an obscenity at the Prince was frog-marched away by plain-clothes police.

In the middle of another crowd of 500, gathered to see the Prince pay a call on the Lord Mayor at The Mansion House, two demonstrators stood side by side, passing the waiting hour in amiable conversation. One displayed a Union Jack and a placard reading: "Welcome, Prince Charles"; the other held up a banner proclaiming: "No welcome for Para Prince." Among the crowd, the great majority was delighted to see, hear, and preferably touch the Prince. "I never thought I'd see the day when an English Prince came here; it's unbelievable, and a wonderful thing," Mary Lawless said. Vivienne Hannigan added: "He's a very brave man to come here. I'm a great admirer. We applauded and shouted loud enough to drown out the protesters."

Inside The Mansion House where the city council gave their visitor a prolonged ovation, John Gormley, Dublin's first lord mayor from the Green Party, told the Prince that his visit was "undoubtedly the most symbolic and important royal visit ever to our city and country".

The Prince unveiled a portrait of King George IV and then visited a community centre in Westland Row, an area of the city blighted by high unemployment. There he met children, pensioners and social workers, and took only a sip from a proffered glass of Guinness.

After a private lunch with Mary Robinson, the Irish President, the Prince was taken by helicopter to County Meath to see one of Ireland's outstanding archaeological remains, the megalithic tomb of Newgrange.



Supporters and demonstrators gathered to greet the Prince on the first visit to Ireland by a member of the Royal Family for 84 years. Police made a number of arrests

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Cholera vaccine shortage need not deter travellers

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

IN THE past cholera was a passport to the white man's grave. Now, with a moderate degree of hygiene and care with the water supply, it is usually only people living in very deprived circumstances, rather than the travellers or those enjoying a western standard of comfort, who are likely to catch it.

The comparative lack of virulence of the organism that causes cholera is fortunate because Britain has run out of cholera vaccine. As the holiday season approaches and hundreds of thousands escape to exotic locations around the world, there is no cholera vaccine in this country, either in clinics or doctors' surgeries, which has not exceeded its sell-by date. The last stocks left the manufacturers in April.

Vaccination against cholera is not usually important; being careful to avoid water rendered murky by sewage is what keeps tourists healthy.

The scarcity of the vaccine has arisen because the licence for its manufacture has been transformed from Wellcome to Evans Medical, and every aspect of its production has to be reapproved. Manufacturers hope new supplies will become available next month but there is no certainty this deadline will be met.

The vaccine gives only 40 to 50 per cent protection and has a life of about six months. Medical cynics have long said that its principal value has been to gain a certificate that will save the international traveller from the risk of being injected, compulsorily, in the medical department of some far-away airport.

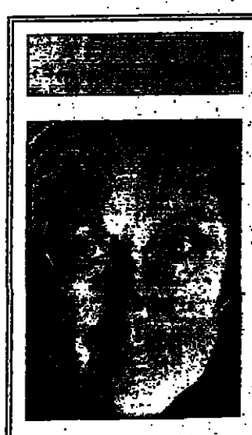
It may be difficult to catch cholera, whereas some diseases, rather more lethal, are all too readily spread by dirty needles.

The advice, as always when visiting countries where standards of hygiene differ from our own, is to avoid local water unless its origin is absolutely certain, to drink whisky, or gin and tonic, without ice, not to use water for teeth cleaning, to eschew salads washed in water and to choose well-cooked and little-handled items from the menu.

☐ A new treatment for leukaemia has increased the average survival time for victims by almost two years, a trial has shown (Nigel Hawkes writes). Medical Research Council scientists report in *The Lancet* that a drug made from interferon – a natural antiviral product – is more effective in treating chronic myeloid leukaemia than existing drugs.

The product, Wellferon, is produced by Wellcome, which is seeking clearance to market it. Trial patients given Wellferon lived for an average of five years and one month, compared with three years and four months for those given conventional drugs.

Between 500 and 600 people develop chronic myeloid leukaemia every year in the Britain.



"I have thought of putting a tally-board on the side of the house: "Slain by users of the B184 in 1995: 12 hedgehogs, one mallard, 53 toads, a barn owl . . ."

Germaine Greer's diary begins in *The Times Magazine* tomorrow

Row forces police to fly fingerprints to the US

BY STEWART TENDLER

FINGERPRINTS collected at the scenes of crimes are being flown to America for analysis after the collapse of a £50 million computer matching system.

The weekly flights are a temporary measure after a dispute between a consortium of 37 forces and IBM, the system operator. Another contractor is expected to take over by the end of the year.

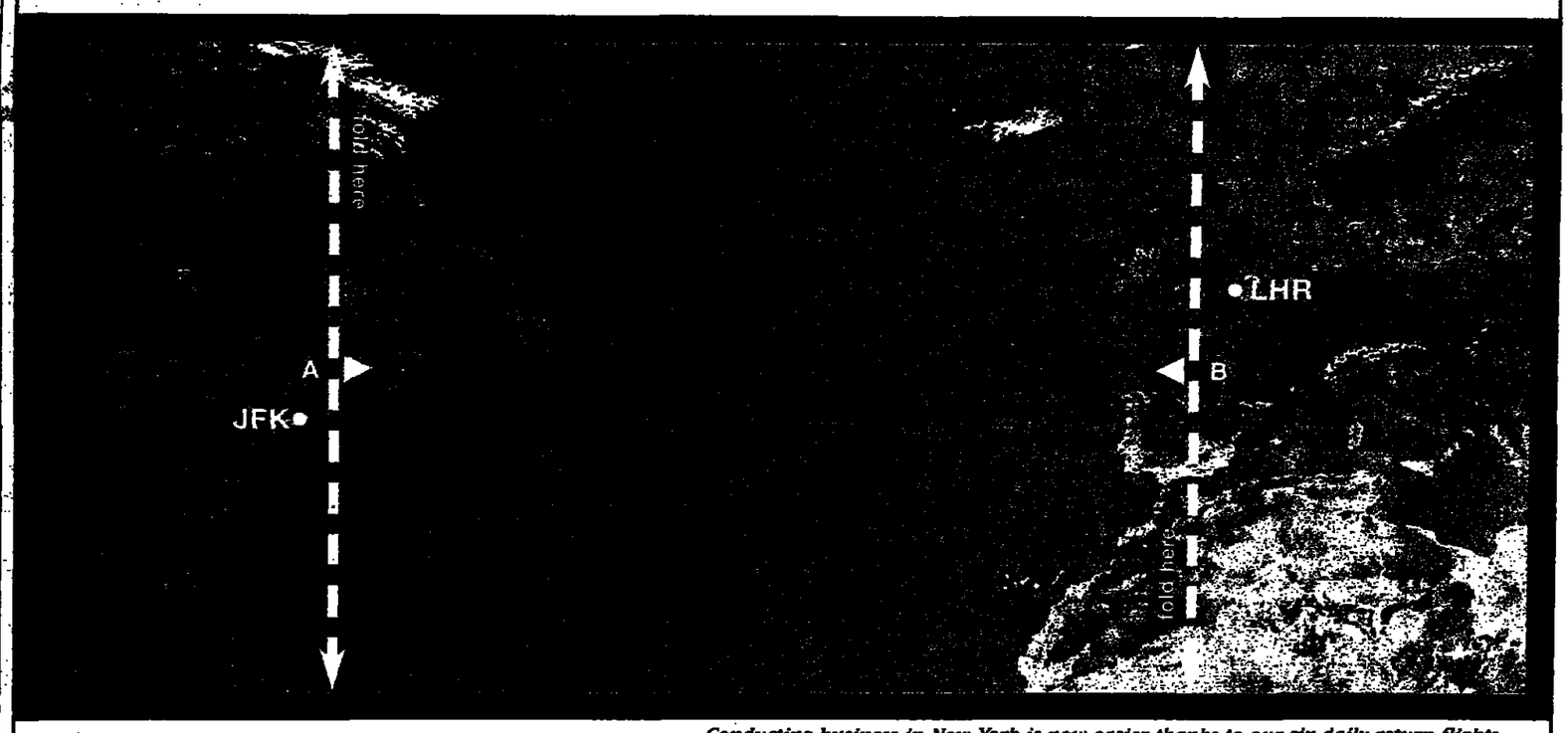
The prints are being sent to the headquarters of another computer company in Arizona, which holds a collection of more than two million fingerprints. The new transatlantic service is said to be cheaper than the original contract and a number of successful matches have been made.

When the British system first collapsed police were forced to use time-consuming manual systems. A new national system organised by the Home Office is eventually expected to take over. Scotland Yard and Kent already operate their own systems independent of the consortium.

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Pension fund shares were misused in a last desperate attempt to stave off collapse, Old Bailey told

Maxwells 'dodged and dived' to save empire

By Michael Horsnell and Jon Ashworth

KEVIN MAXWELL spent weeks "dodging and diving" in a frantic attempt to keep his father's crumbling publishing empire intact, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Bankers were duped into believing that the sale of shares in Scitex, an Israeli computer-imaging company, would reduce cripplingly high overdrafts. But the money was not theirs for the taking: it had been borrowed illegally from Maxwell pension funds and pledged as security against a web of loans, the court was told.

Alan Suckling, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that three months before the mysterious death of Robert Maxwell in November 1991, the his empire already had borrowings of £845.5 million.

The directors decided the group could carry on trading by rolling over debts and disposing assets but their plan failed to meet targets and over £100 million of the pension fund shares were misused in a last desperate attempt to stave off collapse.

The Maxwell group crashed after a number of banks and securities houses called in their loans or took fright. The sequence was triggered by the



Suckling: told of "crisis"

failure to settle a foreign exchange transaction — a lapse that Kevin described in a private memo as a "snafu in the system", Mr Suckling said.

Kevin and Robert Maxwell managed to stall the banks by pledging assets, including shares in Mirror Group Newspapers and Maxwell Communication Corporation.

Kevin Maxwell, 36, faces two charges of conspiracy. One alleges that he plotted with his father to defraud Maxwell pensioners of more than 5.4 million shares in Scitex Corporation worth £100 million. The other alleges that he conspired with his brother Ian, 38, and the financial executives Larry Trachtenberg, 42, and Robert Bunn, 47, to defraud pensioners of more than 25.2 million shares in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries worth £22 million. All four deny the charges.

On the second day of the trial Mr Suckling described a board meeting in July 1991 as the crisis deepened. Reference was made to cash-flow projections between July and December 1991 which showed planned asset sales would slice company debt from £845.5 million to £209 million. The key was a £490 million disposal of assets planned for December. A number of loans were to fall due in September, among them a £100 million facility with Lloyds Bank.

According to the projections, an initial £48 million would be raised in August through the sale of shares in Scitex bought by Bishopsgate Investment Management (BIM) on behalf of pensioners and later "sold" to Robert Maxwell Group (RMG) but never paid for.

In December, a planned demerger of MCC was to produce £350 million, with a further £100 million from property sales. Mr Suckling said: "These were fairly crucial assumptions. Any delay in disposals or falls in values would of course adversely affect the position. You might like to ask yourself: if you were the trustee of pension fund assets would you hand over £100 million to such a company to help it pay its debts? The answer may be, I don't know. 'You must be joking'."

It transpired that certain debts had not been taken into account, the court was told. At a key board meeting in July, BIM agreed to sell the Scitex shares to RMG.

Mr Suckling said: "The prosecution case is that Robert and Kevin Maxwell decided to use the 5.4 million Scitex shares, not for the benefit of pensioners but quite simply to pay off the interest debts of RMG. They decided to take a chance and use the shares to help RMG, which had its back to the wall." None of the proceeds went to BIM and a number of banks were led to believe they would benefit.

Later that month Basil Brooks, finance director of MCC, realised RMG owed MCC up to £130 million and sought legal advice before alerting non-executive directors and tendering his resignation. He had been told by both Robert and Kevin Maxwell that this debt would be paid from the proceeds of Scitex shares. Mr Suckling said: "It may have been a shock to discover there was this further debt that had not been taken into account." After inter-company debts emerged, Kevin agreed to introduce a repayments schedule.

From July both Kevin and Robert Maxwell had meetings with banks and other creditors who believed Scitex shares would be available to meet debts.

Mr Suckling said a cash-flow chart forecasting debits and credits included the disposal of £120 million to RMG from Scitex. "But there is no provision for BIM to receive a penny," he added.

At the end of July the Bank of Nova Scotia agreed to carry out a foreign exchange transaction for MCC. When payment was not forthcoming, Peter Kluge, a senior executive, called Kevin Maxwell and informed him that unless payments were received within 30 minutes he would place the matter in the hands of his lawyers. Kevin abandoned a fishing trip to Normandy as he attempted to cope with the crisis. In an exchange of letters in early August he repeatedly denied there was a liquidity crisis in the group.

The jury was shown documents which allegedly showed that the sale of Scitex shares would release funds for the payment of various debts. NatWest became increasingly alarmed after the companies "massively" exceeded their agreed overdrafts. By the beginning of August, RMG was more than £90 million overdrawn against an agreed facility of £23 million and MCC was £51 million overdrawn against a £17 million limit.

NatWest executives expressed concern and said they were of the view that they had become "a lender of last resort". Mr Suckling said: "That may not be true. It may have been the pension funds which were."

Barclays, which had lent £35 million to the group, expressed its concern about gathering financial difficulties but said it "did not want to sit on the sidelines waiting until you reach the precipice".

The bank reported in an internal memo: "September is a torrid month for RMG and Kevin Maxwell is counting the days until receipt of the Scitex moneys in October. The cash position is tight and there is nothing to spare."

The Scitex shares were finally sold on October 17 and £123.5 million was used to reduce the NatWest overdraft. A further £30 million went to the Bank of Nova Scotia but two other lenders — Bankers Trust and Swiss Volksbank — "didn't get anything; nor of course did BIM. There was nothing left".

The trial continues today.



ANDRE CAMARA

Ian Maxwell arriving at Chichester Rents, the Old Bailey annexe, before yesterday's hearing

NHS network 'a hacker's dream'

By Catherine Milton

INTIMATE details of patients' medical care could be sent around the world for anyone to see on a new NHS computer network, doctors' leaders said yesterday.

Lax security arrangements for the NHS network could turn the system into a paparazzi's dream, Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, said. Well-known people would be particularly vulnerable but everyone could find their health history in the hands of the police, insurance agencies and employers.

The BMA is urging the Government to make breaching confidential health information a statutory offence and to delay the start of the system so that stiffer security arrangements can be implemented. "At present the worst that can happen to an employee who breaches confidential information is dismissal," Mr Macara said.

The network, due to go online this year, will give doctors immediate access by computer to healthcare information. But the BMA fears the system will be a rich vein for hackers.

Dr Mac Armstrong, BMA secretary, said: "Our technical experts have looked at the security systems being proposed and we do not believe they are adequate. We believe that nothing will be lost in delaying implementation while ensuring a more watertight system."

A Department of Health spokeswoman said: "No system can be entirely failsafe but the measures that we are proposing to implement will minimise the risk of any unauthorised person being able to violate the system."

☐ The King's Fund, which published an influential report on the state of London's health service in 1992, has said it is to re-examine the capital's health care, focusing on primary care, mental health, hospital bed shortages and the elderly.

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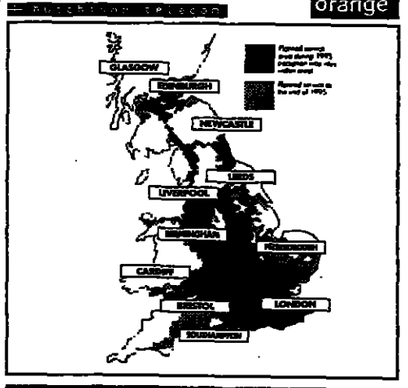
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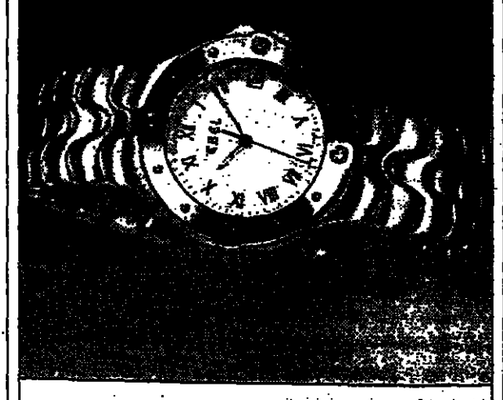
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School heads urged to put new teachers on year's probation

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

SCHOOLS should be given the power to weed out incompetent teachers at the end of their first year in the profession, a head teachers' leader said yesterday.

The Government abolished the probationary year for new teachers in 1992 as part of its reform of training. But David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said a check was needed to ensure that substandard staff did not slip through.

Under the old system, local authorities were responsible for vetting new staff at the end of their first year of teaching. Ministers regarded the scheme as ineffective and replaced it with a flexible induction period.

In his address to the association's annual conference in Harrogate, Mr Hart said all schools should consider introducing their own probationary period. The switch would give heads and governors the right to decide if newly qualified teachers could make the grade.

Mr Hart said many authorities were not putting new teachers on temporary contracts, but Solihull, in the West Midlands, was negotiating to reintroduce a probationary year. "If we are serious about raising standards, I think all schools should be encouraged to do the same."

Mr Hart added: "At a time when we were desperate for teachers, some less than satisfactory teachers did have their probationary periods passed."

He also said that the pressures on schools were now such that only one teacher in five retired on grounds of age. The number of ill-health retirements had doubled to 2,000 in a year, and a quarter were head teachers.

Mr Hart said: "These statistics cannot be explained away, as some commentators seek to do. When four out of five heads are opting for early retirement, serious questions have to be asked about whether we can afford such a drain of experienced talent from our schools."

Few heads stayed on at school beyond the age of 55, Mr Hart said. Those in small schools were particularly hard-pressed, as many had to cope with a full teaching week as well as onerous administrative duties.

☐ A Tory MP urged opposition leaders yesterday to block a council's plans to scrap free transport for grammar school pupils.

Simon Burns, MP for Chelmsford, appealed to Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown to persuade Essex County Council, which is run by a Labour-Liberal Democrat coalition, to withdraw its controversial proposals.

Parents will have to find up to £1,000 a year in travelling costs under the plan to charge new pupils for transport next year.



Sergeant Evans: "a calming influence who performs well in stressful situations"

Gardner arrest sergeant 'had a brilliant future'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN detective was on course for a brilliant police career until she was accused of killing the Jamaican illegal immigrant Joy Gardner, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Linda Evans sat in tears in the dock with her head in her hands as the court heard of a string of commendations during her 15-year career with the Metropolitan Police. Sergeant Evans, 41, is accused with two colleagues of the manslaughter of Mrs Gardner, 40, during an attempt to deport her. The prosecution alleges that Mrs Gardner suffocated after 13ft of adhesive tape was wrapped around her head during a violent struggle at her home in Hornsey, north London.

Sergeant Evans was attached for the day to Scotland Yard's Deportation Squad to work with detective constables Colin Whitby, 48, and John Burrell, 43. All three deny manslaughter. Under cross-examination by Andrew Trollope, QC, for the defence, an Essex police officer who was called in to investigate Mrs Gardner's death detailed Sergeant Evans's career.

Detective Sergeant Terry Cook said that Sergeant Evans, a graduate in education from Warwick University, had worked on the anti-terrorist squad where in 1987 she was commended for her "dedication and professionalism" by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. Her work was also praised by Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, when she worked as a barrister.

In 1986 a Chief Superintendent wrote: "She is a superb officer who has ability to obtain the highest rank." In 1990 her assessment read: "She is highly professional and sensitive to situations and people. She considers problems before taking action. She is helpful, a calming influence and performs well in stressful situations."

The court was told that Constable Whitby and Constable Burrell also had exemplary career records. The trial continues today.

Education charity hit by closure

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE failure of a girls' boarding school has cost the Church of England's leading education charity £750,000, nearly a fifth of its reserves.

St Audries School in West Quantoxhead, Somerset, founded in 1924 to provide an Anglican education for the daughters of colonial and military officers, closed in 1993 because it could not attract boarders.

The National Society, which promotes education "in accordance with principles of the Church of England", was custodian trustee of the school, run by a board of governors. The society, founded in 1811, and chiefly responsible for setting up Britain's church schools, has dipped into its £4 million reserves for the first time to pay the bills.

The losses, reported in today's *Church Times*, arose from a £300,000 loan to the governors in 1988, £180,000 in redundancy payments and other closure costs, and £250,000 for heating and maintenance. The listed Victorian-Gothic building costs the society £50,000 a year and is difficult to sell because about 15 similar West Country institutions are available.

Classroom ban on cannabis T-shirts

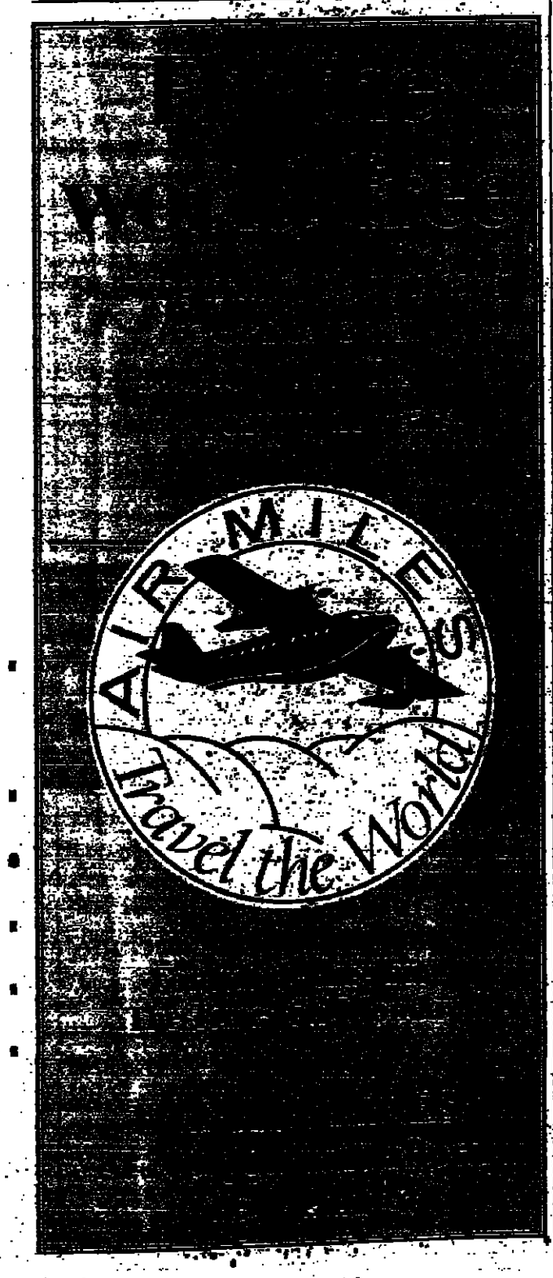
BY JOHN O'LEARY

HEAD teachers called yesterday for a ban on T-shirts promoting cannabis, which are being worn to school by children as young as five.

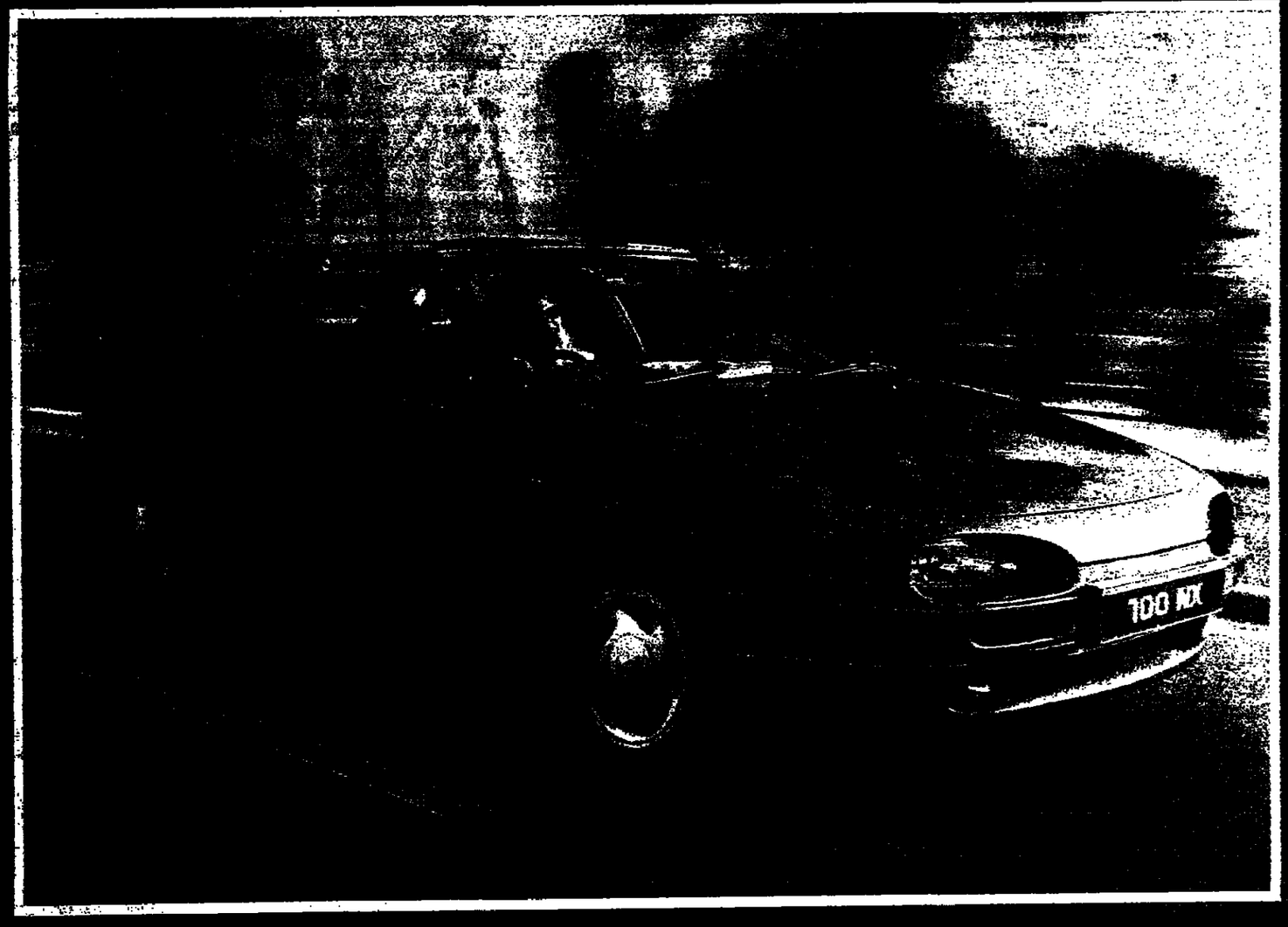
"Mr Spliffy" clothes are sold at markets and car-boot sales. T-shirts, jeans and jackets feature a cartoon character holding a cannabis reefer. The National Association of Head Teachers' annual conference voted *unanimously* for the sale and distribution of clothing with drug-related emblems to be outlawed. They urged colleagues to rid their schools of the products.

Michael Garratt, of Thorpe St William County Primary School, near Norwich, said the T-shirts were a method of influencing children. "We would be opposed to them if they were influencing children towards smoking tobacco, let alone joints." Some schools in Norfolk had banned the clothes. Mr Garratt said: "We have found most parents are understanding when asked not to dress their children in such sweatshirts and T-shirts."

The clothes are available around the country, and teachers have been unable to trace the manufacturers.



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Spain (annual catch 17,000 tonnes) and Britain (500 tonnes) square up for round two of tuna war

Net attack sparks fears of stormy season ahead

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FISHERMEN appealed yesterday for extra Royal Navy patrols as fears rose of a renewed tuna war with Spain. Michael Jack, the Fisheries Minister, promised "full protection".

The fishermen's call came after a Cornish skipper reported that his nets had been deliberately severed by a Spanish trawler that had ignored warnings to stay clear.

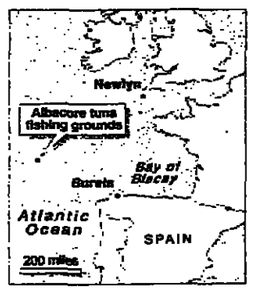
The incident happened a week ago, about 100 miles southwest of Land's End, but came to light only yesterday, when the British vessel involved, the *Golden Bells II*, returned to her home port of Newlyn. The skipper, Mike Faulkner, said that part of an eight-mile gill net anchored to the seabed, which he had been using for hake, had been torn away by a Spanish vessel towing a trawl net.

Fishermen said they feared the incident could be a prelude to worse clashes when the tuna fishing season starts later this month in the northeast Atlantic. Spanish trawlermen are angry because Cornish fishermen supported Canada in the recent dispute over halibut off Newfoundland. Mike Townsend, chief executive of the Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation, said: "We are taking this clash very seriously. It undermines our confidence in our Government's ability to protect us. If we are not safe in our waters, where are we safe?"

Michael Jack, the Fisheries Minister, said: "Any conflict at sea is of concern, and I have called for a full report on the incident. I have assured Mr Townsend that we have the resources available to give our fishermen full protection when the tuna season starts.

"A Royal Navy fisheries protection vessel will be permanently on station when the first of our tuna boats go out in a week or two. I will also be raising the matter with Luis Atienza, the Spanish Fisheries Minister, when he visits London later this month."

Mr Jack said there was little the Royal Navy could have done to prevent last week's incident because of the delay in reporting it. "The incident was not reported until 12 hours after it occurred, when *HMS Orkney* made a routine inspection of Mr Faulkner's boat. Once the tuna fishing season starts, the situation will be quite different because a Royal Navy patrol vessel will be given the specific task of keeping an eye on the fishery. There will also be aerial surveillance."



In an unprecedented move, the European Commission in Brussels will this year have its own chartered vessel patrolling the tuna fishing grounds. Commission and national fisheries inspectors will be on board to see fair play.

The EC boat, the *Northern Horizon*, sailed from Hull yesterday. The European Fisheries Commissioner, Emma Bonino, is expected to be flown out to the vessel later this month to witness the monitoring of tuna fishing.

Mr Faulkner said the clash with the Spanish vessel happened about 3am on Thursday of last week. "One of my crew who was on watch told me there was a trawler heading for us. Another member of the crew, who speaks some Spanish, got in touch with the boat by radio and told the skipper exactly where our nets were and to keep clear of them, but he simply ignored us and sailed straight through.

"I have no doubt it was deliberate. The skipper claimed he could not understand, saying "*No comprendo*", but earlier we had no difficulty communicating with Spanish long-liners who had been fishing near by.

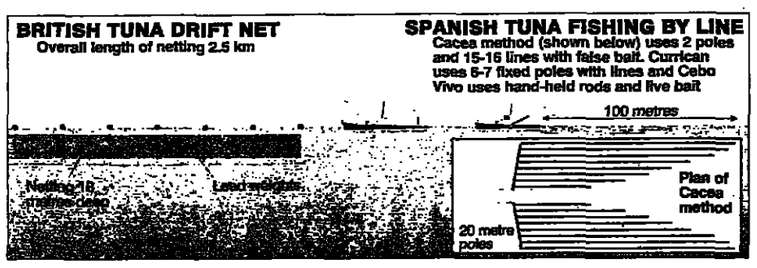
"We stayed with the Spanish boat for three hours trying to steer him away by getting between him and our gear, but he came so close that it was no longer safe."

Mr Faulkner said he had been too busy to report the incident when it happened but had mentioned it to the captain of *HMS Orkney*, a Royal Navy fisheries protection vessel which came alongside on a routine inspection about 12 hours later. He said he had been unable to identify the Spanish vessel.

"I will be sailing for the tuna fishing grounds 500 miles south of Land's End later this month," he said. "I only hope the Royal Navy will provide better protection there. Last week's incident has already cost me £1,000 in lost gear. I cannot afford to lose any more."


NIGEL BENNETTS

Mike Faulkner, who says his net was deliberately torn by a Spanish trawler



Spaniards say hook fishing is more humane

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

FOR once the Spanish, so often accused of illegal and unecological fishing methods, seem to have a genuine complaint against drift nets.

The ministry in Madrid points out that bilateral fishing talks between Spain and France have been established to tackle differences, but no such dialogue exists with Britain, which supported Canada in the Greenland halibut dispute off Newfoundland and has ignored Spain's request to stop money-laundering and drug-smuggling in Gibraltar.

Trawlermen from Spain's four main tuna-fishing ports around the Bay of Biscay, from which 182 boats will be setting out this month at the start of the season, are

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worried that there will be further sea clashes this summer.

"Drift nets must be eradicated," said José Roca, fishing master in Burela, at the southern entrance to the Bay of Biscay. "It is not compatible with hook-fishing. Nets snare all species, they die by drowning and those that get away are injured. Hooked tuna is the most ecological in the world. It is landed live, killed with one swift blow and tastes better than tuna that has been bruised and drowned."

Burela's 45 boats use the *currican system*, with lines running from six to seven fixed poles. Last year 3,000 tonnes of tuna were landed in Burela, 35 per cent of Spain's total catch, and 82 per cent was sold fresh. Spaniards eat seven times as much fish as the British.

In the Basque port of Bermeo, where 70 boats use the *cacea* method, deploying up to 16 lines with false bait, or the *cebo vivo* method, using up to nine rods with live bait, Aurelio Bilbao, fishing master of the local brotherhood or *cofradia*, said: "It's going to be just like last year. If biologists had their say, drift nets would be banned tomorrow, but the issue is political. A British government would not have the guts to ban them, lay up boats and put fishermen out of work."

Esteban Olaizola, fishing master in Fuenterrabia, said: "If Brussels is incapable of solving the problem, we have to do something ourselves."

'I invested £30,000 in a net. I have no option but to go out again'

CORNISH fishermen are determined not to be driven off the albacore tuna fishing grounds in the northeast Atlantic by a repeat of last year's attacks by Spanish trawlers (Michael Hornsby writes).

Up to a dozen boats from Newlyn and other ports are expected to fish for tuna this year, with the first vessels setting out on the 500-mile trip to the fishery in about two weeks' time. Mike Faulkner, skipper of the 54ft trawler *Golden Bells II*, said: "I invested £30,000 last year in the purchase of a drift net for tuna fishing and have no option but to go out again this year despite the trouble being threatened by the Spanish."

The use of drift nets, which can legally be up to 2.5km long and hang like a curtain in the water, is the main cause of dispute between the Spanish and other European trawlermen, including the French, the Portuguese and the Irish.

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Most Spanish boats use traditional methods in which baited hooks are trailed from lines on long poles. The Spanish say their boats catch only a few score tuna in this way but drift nets indiscriminately ensnare thousands of fish, including dolphins.

Mr Faulkner, like other Cornish fishermen, rejects the Spanish claims. "All the reports you read about us wiping out the tuna stocks are a load of rubbish. There are plenty of the fish. The same goes for the scare stories about dolphins. I caught exactly two dolphins last year.

"For us the tuna season lasts only three months, from the end of June through to early September, when the fish come far enough north to be within range. Tuna are not easy to find. One day last year we caught just 12. On our best day we caught 900."

It will take Mr Faulkner two-and-half days to reach the tuna grounds, which lie outside any national territorial limit. The trip is worthwhile because the tuna, unlike other fish caught closer to home inside European Union waters, are not subject to quotas.

"I only managed six trips last year, staying about ten days on the fishing ground," Mr Faulkner said. "I need to catch about 2,000 fish per trip to make the exercise viable. At reasonable prices a catch of that size is worth around £20,000, which leaves me with £5,000 after paying for fuel and wages for my four crew.


Waldegrave: meeting

"The Spanish are not content just to drive us out of the tuna fishery. Up to now most of our tuna has been exported to Spain. But the Spanish fishermen are threatening to burn down the factories of Spanish processors who buy our catches. So this year I shall be trying to find a market in France."

Cornish boats began fishing for tuna five years ago. Last year their total catch was 570 tonnes, compared with an estimated 17,000 tonnes caught by more than 500 Spanish boats.

Mike Townsend, chief executive of the Cornish Fish Producers Organisation, says the tuna fishery is vital because it takes pressure off other heavily fished stocks. "Last year about 100 extra tonnes of hake was released for other Cornish boats to catch, which the tuna boats would have caught had they stayed in home waters."

William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, and Michael Jack, the Fisheries Minister, will meet Luis Atienza, the Spanish Fisheries Minister, in London later this month to discuss measures to avoid clashes.

Pot plants increase wellbeing at work

BY NICK NUTTALL

EMPLOYEES in buildings full of potted plants and trees are happier, healthier and harder-working than others, researchers said yesterday.

Jan Stiles, of Oxford Brookes University, said there was evidence that greenery exerted a calming, "humanising" effect. It was likely that office and house plants inspired primordial feelings of well-being and security.

Other research, also presented yesterday, indicates that some plants can cut high-frequency noise such as the shriek of office colleagues, and filter out airborne chemicals of the kind linked with so-called sick-building syndrome.

Ms Stiles: "Evolution has equipped us to select environments which are beneficial to us ... a well-shaped tree means there is a good water supply below. Historically, we also used trees for shelter, food and building materials." She said there was also evidence that wavelengths of the colour green focused directly on the retina and so were less distracting and more soothing than other colours.

Mike Lothian, of Rentokil environmental services, said there was also evidence from Reading University, the South Bank University and the United States that house plants kept people alert by boosting oxygen levels, cooling the air and increasing moisture.

Peter Costa, of the South Bank University, said species such as the weeping fig, peace lily and Kentia palm appeared to cut noise levels.

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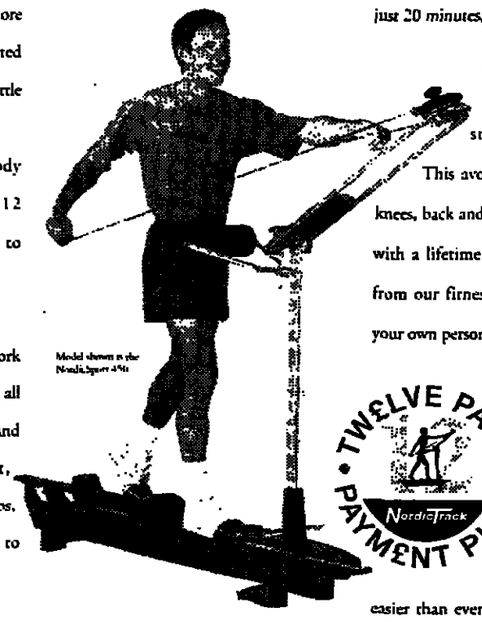
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Survey exposes Dickensian Bar

City lawyers boycott 'slow and arrogant' country barristers

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS throughout England and Wales are refusing to send important work to the provincial Bar because its barristers are allegedly stuck in a "Dickensian" past: slow, arrogant, inefficient and lacking in commercial expertise.

The damning picture of standards at the regional Bar is based on the views of solicitors from big firms in Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester. The survey by *Legal Business* finds that, with one or two exceptions, solicitors have little faith in regional barristers when it comes to big commercial cases, and prefer to send their work to London.

Only the Liverpool Bar enjoyed a favourable reception from solicitors. The view of the rest was summed up by Tony Holland, senior partner of Foot & Bowden at Plymouth, who said: "I don't think there's a commercial barrister we'd use. They don't know what the public wants. The Bristol bar has not changed at all and I don't think it will. They call themselves 'circuiteers' and it's like the 1914-18 war."

A solicitor who heads the litigation department at a Cardiff firm said: "For a serious commercial matter, I would always go to London."

The main criticism of the (mostly anonymous) solicitors interviewed was that barristers in the regions, while able, lacked specialist experience to keep pace with the needs of commercial law firms. One said: "There are about 200 barristers at the Bristol bar. But personally I trust just three of them with serious commercial instructions."

A handful of names were regularly cited as "stars" who were head and shoulders above the rest, including Stephen Davies in Bristol, John Randall in Birmingham, Andrew Edis at Liverpool and Philip Raynor in Manchester. Some chambers were also singled out for their efforts to modernise: 9 Park Place in Cardiff, and 5 Fountain Court in Birmingham. But many others were criticised by solicitors as being slow and "back in Dickensian times", with no modern technology or system of chambers' management.

A Cardiff solicitor said: "They [local barristers] are slow in turning the papers around. They'll say it has improved, but it's still a minimum of ten days [for a pleading]. They've chopped back from the ridiculous three-to-six months but it's still not good enough." Another solicitor complained that chambers in Birmingham were not always able to respond quickly by fax or phone; one in Manchester said he wished they could deliver their work on disk, saving the need for documents to be copy-typed.

A Cardiff litigator complained that chambers would ask what a "telecon" was (a conference between solicitor and barrister and client held over the telephone). "It horrifies them. What they want is papers properly bound up in pink tape."

The solicitors also said that regional barristers were uncompetitive: their fees were as high, or nearly as high, as chambers in London.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, chairman of the Bar, said: "There are undoubtedly sets in the region which are very forward looking and very well organised. This is likely to increase as the use of specialist courts grows, such as the very successful commercial court in Manchester."

He added that there was a trend towards specialisation outside London and while some chambers had responded, clearly "solicitors think some members of the Bar have not gone far enough".

There were a number of Bar initiatives, he added, which would help, including extending chambers' management training courses outside London.



Goldsmith: initiatives

Church Enstone ¼



Mr Reeve's listed cottage in Church Enstone

Burglary victim lays 'minefield'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BUSINESSMAN angered by a spate of burglaries in his Cotswold village plans to booby-trap his garden with make-believe land mines.

Joe Reeve, who runs a plastics factory, has sown 20 of the harmless firecracker devices in his 1¼ acre garden at Church Enstone, near Chipping Norton, to frighten intruders after numerous burglaries in the Oxfordshire village.

Mr Reeve, 51, who lives in a 300-year-old Grade II listed cottage, said: "They will not hurt anyone. They'll simply let off a loud bang. I have every right to protect my property by all reasonable means. I'm a keen shotgun enthusiast and read about the non-lethal mines in a magazine.

"The crime situation in this village has become quite ludicrous. I've spent around £3,000 installing an infra-red alarm system and cameras to video-record intruders, security lights and floodlighting and have even got an armour-plated shed to stop these people kicking their way in. The last straw came when they smashed into my BMW despite the £1,000 alarm and took a £1,200 radio."

He paid £100 for the mail-order devices after he saw them advertised in the gun magazine. He has been warned by police that he could face prosecution if anyone suffers injury from his booby traps. Sgt John Eades of Chipping Norton police said: "We can understand his frustration but he must be careful not to put himself in a position where he may injure someone."

Mr Reeve has put up posters in the local grocery shop offering a £500 reward for information leading to a conviction in the latest incident. Villagers say there have been a hundred break-ins over the past 18 months, which they blame on criminals from outside the area. One victim in the village of 760 people was Suzanne Dando, the former Olympic gymnast, who had several hundred pounds worth of jewellery stolen from her car. Mr Reeve's neighbours, Stephen and Anna Marnham, lost a fax machine and a CD player in a break-in at the Cotswold stone home where they live with their four-year-old daughter Minnie.

CLIVE POSTLETHWAITE



Joe Reeve: "The crime situation in this village has become quite ludicrous"

System failure delays trials of electronic tags on offenders

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Office has postponed an experiment to put electronic tags on offenders after it was discovered, days before the trials were to begin, that the equipment did not work.

Sources at the Home Office confirmed yesterday that a test in Manchester, where one of the pilot schemes was due to start next week, showed the alarm did not work when an official breached the system. The trials, to include courts in Reading and Norfolk, will now not begin until July.

Courts were recently given powers to impose curfews; the tags would allow them to be enforced. The offenders wear the tag, the size of a large watch, all the time. If they go out or tamper with the tag, a receiver attached to the telephone alerts a monitoring system. This week an official found a tag failed to set off a warning when he left a curfew zone.

The nine-month trials are being carried out by Securior Custodial Services, using US equipment, and Geografix, which has developed its own equipment. Yesterday Securicor said its equipment needed "fine-tuning" for this country.

Leaders of the Probation Service say there is concern over how the tags would work in a block of flats where several people might be wearing them, and the range of the curfew zone. Parts of an offender's garden might be beyond range, while a neighbouring flat could be outside the zone but not register as a breach.

During trials in Nottingham in 1989, the equipment then available did not work and offenders managed to remove or neutralise the tags. Mary Honeyball, of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said yesterday that it had reservations about the tags. "This incident has done nothing to inspire confidence."

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£1,800 for sacked prison organist

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A PRISON organist sacked after censors read a letter written to her by a convicted sex offender accepted £1,800 compensation after the Home Office admitted that she had been unfairly dismissed.

Sheila Wright, who is married with two daughters, had worked in the chapel at Full Sutton maximum security prison near York for five years when a letter addressed to her was intercepted. "I was sacked because of innuendo," Mrs Wright, 41, of Huggate, Humberside, said after an industrial tribunal in Leeds heard that she had agreed to the cash settlement.

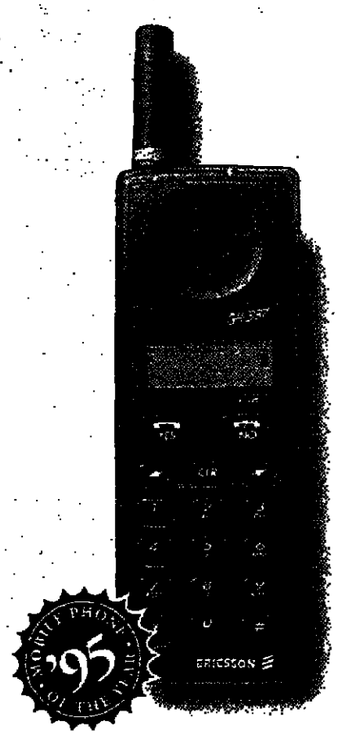
"In the letter the prisoner said he was looking forward to seeing me and he felt I was the only person he could talk to. He was lonely and might have seen me as a mother figure," she said. "They thought just because he was male and I was female we must be having an affair. It could have been misinterpreted, and it was. There was no romance."

Mrs Wright, who was paid £27 a week for playing the organ at three services in the prison, was dismissed in February last year. In a letter she was told it was done to protect her "from the undoubted emotional pressures of working in a maximum security prison".

She told the tribunal: "The money was never the point. I wanted a public statement that there was not any misconduct, some degree of an apology, and some admission that there had been a mistake on their part."

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Dole attacks Hollywood for 'nightmare' violence

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

SENATOR Robert Dole, in the most blatant pursuit of Republican votes for his presidential bid, has launched an attack on the moral fabric of Hollywood, which he said had shrouded America in nightmares of depravity, violence and sex.

"A line has been crossed — not just of taste, but of human dignity and decency," said Mr Dole, the Republic front-runner, during a fund-raising address in the heart of Los Angeles. "It is crossed every time sexual violence is given a catchy tune. When teen suicide is set to an appealing beat. When Hollywood dream factories turn out nightmares of depravity."

The speech, courting conservatives concerned about the debasing of American culture, cited the films, *Natural Born Killers* and *True Romance*, as well as the music of Cannibal Corpse, Geto Boys and 2 Live Crew for their depictions of "mindless violence and loveless sex".

Mr Dole's criticism of the entertainment industry went on: "Movies and music do not make children into murderers. But a numbing exposure to graphic violence and immorality does steal away innocence, smothering our instinct for outrage," said the Senate Majority Leader. "We have reached the point where our popular culture threatens to undermine our character as a nation."

Reserving his most biting criticism for Time Warner, the company which promotes "gangsta" rap music, Mr Dole asked of its executives: "You have sold your souls, but must you debase our nation and threaten our children as well?" The record division at Time Warner came under fire several years ago for its production of the album *Cop Killer*, a violent rap against the police force by the black artist, Ice-T.

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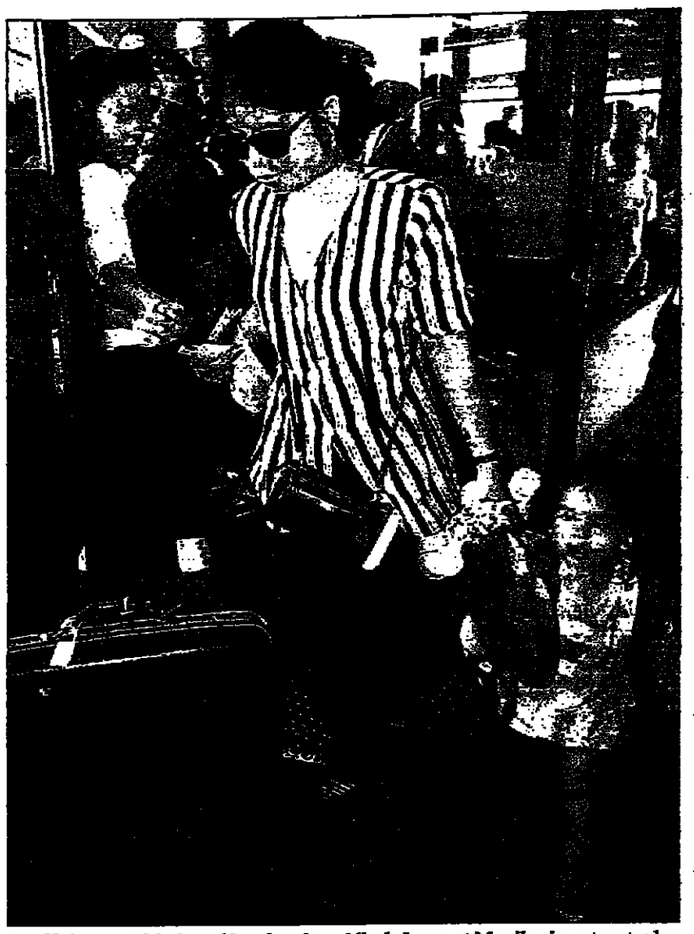
Aides to Mr Dole admitted yesterday his condemnation had not come after either seeing the films or hearing the songs. He had, however, read both the reviews and lyrics before deciding what should be deemed suitable for American families.

The Lion King, *Santa Claus*, *The Flintstones* and *Forrest Gump* were chosen as morally sound as was *True Lies*, a thriller in which Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jamie Lee Curtis demolish half the cast in a rain of machine-gun bullets. Mr Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone, the staunch Republicans who star in an array of violent celluloid portrayals of good against evil, were notably absent from the speech which Oliver Stone, director of *Natural Born Killers*, later described as a "90s form of McCarthyism".

"I understand Senator Dole's need to appeal to the right-wing voters and the Republican party," said Mr Stone, whose credits include *Salvador*, *Platoon* and *JFK*. "My intention in *Natural Born Killers* was to satirise, not glorify, violence."

Hollywood promoters said yesterday the box office had responded to the public's concern over violence. Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, said most recent hits had been family films. "More and more we are tending towards all audience films that have civic values in them and less toward those that don't."

☐ **Wilson campaign:** Hoping to inject new energy into his campaign for the Republican nomination, Governor Pete Wilson has written an open letter to the people of California stating that policies of affirmative action, offering special treatment to racial minorities, were based on "societal guilt" and threatened to eliminate the foundation of the American dream. Mr Wilson, a prominent crusader for the hiring of minorities when he was Mayor of San Diego more than 20 years ago, said he intended to cut affirmative programmes in the Golden State wherever the law allowed.



Marife Torres Nichols and her daughter, Nicole Lynn, at Manila airport yesterday

Suspect's wife in Oklahoma blast flies back to Philippines

Cebu. The wife of an Oklahoma City bombing suspect yesterday returned home to the Philippines where her family plans to hide her from possible attackers.

Marife Torres Nichols, the wife of Terry Nichols, and her 21-month-old daughter, Nicole Lynn, flew to her parents' home in Cebu, 350 miles south of Manila, after arriving in Manila from San Francisco. Mr Nichols, who has been charged over the bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500 on April 19, met his wife through a mail-order bride agency in 1989. They were married in 1990.

Friends and relatives said that Mrs Nichols would be taken to an undisclosed location and hidden. They said that the family was afraid of attacks against her either by people sympathetic with or opposed to the bombing. At her family's home behind a timberyard, Eduardo Torres, Mrs Nichols's policeman father, said his daughter was sleeping and refused to allow reporters inside. Her mother, Fe Torres, said: "We cried and we embraced . . . I cried because at least my daughter came home safe. Despite what happened I'm happy that my daughter and my granddaughter are home with us."

On Wednesday, President Ramos had said that the United States would allow Mrs Nichols, who is two months pregnant, to return home "shortly". He noted that Mrs Nichols, who had been held under the FBI's protective custody at a motel, was not a suspect and had been very co-operative with American detectives. *(Reuter)*

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Canada Indians lay siege to ranch

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

INDIANS wearing warpaint have surrounded cowboys at the largest ranch in British Columbia as a tense stand-off over fishing rights heads into its sixth day.

About 250 members of the Upper Nicola band have barricaded the four roads leading into the Douglas Lake Ranch near Kelowna, east of Vancouver. The Indians are demanding the right to use gill nets to fish trout on two lakes, Stoney Lake and Minnie Lake, on the property.

The ranch, set up in 1884, belongs to the wealthy Woodward family. It employs 20 cowboys, 20 farmers, has 250 horses, 14,000 head of cattle and covers 494,200 acres. Kip Woodward says the lakes belong to them and nets destroy stocks: anglers can only catch one fish a day with a line but an Indian with a net can scoop up hundreds of pounds of trout. The Indians say they have a historic right to fish there. A five-year agreement allowing them to use nets expired last year.

Yesterday there were about 200 Indians manning the blockades, wearing native costumes, sunglasses, beating buckskin drums and chanting, "This is Indian country."

The Woodwards have obtained a court order ordering the Indians to remove the blockades, but the Mounties have been hesitant to ride to the rescue of the cowboys.

'Happy dwarfs were first Fijians'

FROM REUTER IN SUVA

FIJI was populated by a race of happy, mountain-dwelling dwarfs before the arrival of the Melanesians, generally regarded as the South Pacific nation's first settlers, according to a Fijian researcher.

After 34 years of research, Aminio Qalovaki is claiming that the Negroid tribes "had always lived in Fiji".

"They were the true natives and lived in caves and survived on wild fruits, birds and reptiles," he said in the islands' *Daily Post* newspaper yesterday.

When the Melanesians arrived from Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands about 3,500 years ago, they assimilated easily with the dwarfs. "Inter-marriage between the two races became a natural and normal process," Mr Qalovaki, a former government geologist and researcher, said. "It was the beginning of a new generation from which sprang today's indigenous Fijians."

He said that although there were no pure-bred dwarf descendants left, their features were still evident in some Fijian families. "Some grow to only four feet, four inches when they become adults."

Mr Qalovaki's theory was received with scepticism. Christine Burke, archaeologist at the Fiji Museum in Suva, said there was no evidence that Fiji was inhabited before the Melanesians.

Mother fights law blaming parents

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A CRACKDOWN on juvenile crime in Oregon is being attacked by a mother ordered to attend "parenting classes" because her son was caught stealing a bottle of aftershave from a shop.

Taking a lonely stand against a new law that makes parents responsible for their children's crimes, Anita Beck has sued the municipality of Silverton (population 6,200), claiming that to be punished for somebody else's crime violates the Constitution.

Oregon toughened its stance on delinquency last week when the state passed a law based on Silverton's Parental Responsibility ordinance, one of the sternest of its kind. It makes parents of under-age criminals liable to fines of up to $1,000 (£633) or compulsory courses in parenting or coping with substance abuse. Laws making parents punishable for their children's offences exist in more than 20 states, but Oregon is the first to waive the requirement that parents should first be proved negligent.

"What Oregon has done is hold a parent responsible for a child's offence no matter how closely the child might have been supervised," Professor Leslie Harris, of the University of Oregon, said, adding: "There is a big legal debate on whether you can punish someone simply for being a parent."

Mrs Beck believes such a notion smacks of Big Brother parenting and threatens to undermine the efforts of well meaning parents as well as holding negligent ones accountable. Her case, backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, may derail the Silverton ordinance while the state law based on it could be vetoed by John Kitzhaber, the Governor and a Democrat.

Other Silverton parents, worried by a sharp rise in juvenile crime last year, support their new ordinance or accept it with resignation. "My son was caught with a cigarette in his mouth," a father summoned to the local court was quoted as saying. "I guess that makes me guilty."

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Baby found alive in rubble of quake town

FROM PHILIPPA FLETCHER IN NEFTEGORSK

RESCUE teams yesterday pulled out more people, including a three-month-old girl, after four days beneath the rubble of this earthquake-devastated town in Russia's Far East.

Authorities said that without water, those trapped in the ruins of Neftegorsk, on Sakhalin island, would not be able to las longer than five more dars. "We will continue to look for survivors for the next five dars but then the water runs ou," Sergei Shoigu, the Emergencies Minister, said.

lainstaking rescue efforts, involving search dogs, brought out 30 corpses from therubble as well as six people — three of them children, shoving signs of life. Some of the latest bodies recovered wer: those of teenage students whc were crushed in a discothèque.

Oficials were heartened by the discovery of the baby. Vladmir Shapoval, the Deputy Governor of Sakhalin, said the unnamed girl was "perfectlyfine". Rescuers had also worked more than 24 hours to extriate Anya, an eight-year-old grl, authorities said.

Russian newspapers publishel details of another survivor, 'aleri Kazanov, 11. For 86 hour, he had remained pinnd down in the rubble by the lody of his dead father who had thrown himself acros the boy to save him. The official death toll rose to 620. Officials expect it to reach abou 2,000.

Rescuers continued to work around the clock amid the wreckage of multistorey buildings that collapsed like houses of ards when the tremor struc the oil town last Sunday.

Thx Interfax news agency said Sakhalin's prosecutor had brmally initiated criminal proceedings in connection with the tragedy. It said he was taking action under Article 251 of the criminal code, which deals with infringement of building regulations.

Angry survivors say the blocks of flats should never have been constructed in a seismic zone. But Mr Shoigu has said the housing design fault was not deliberate, arguing that the blocks were built in the 1960s when Sakhalin was not considered an earthquake zone.

In a poignant moment just before dawn yesterday, a crane lifted the concrete slabs that had fallen on the discothèque, crushing about 40 teenage students. They were dressed in their party clothes, carefully arranged hairstyles still intact. One mother, on seeing the corpse of her son, cried out: "Son, my son, you were only 17."

President Yeltsin injected a controversial note into the tragic aftermath when he said that Russia had to be cautious over offers of aid from Japan — close to Sakhalin — because they might carry a political price-tag. Mr Yeltsin, probably to appease a powerful nationalist lobby ahead of parliamentary elections this year, suggested on Wednesday that Tokyo wanted to gain the upper hand in a territorial dispute with Moscow over the Kurile Islands.

Tokyo expressed puzzlement over his statement yesterday. "We can't understand how the President could have made such remarks about the sincere co-operative efforts of a neighbouring country," Kozo Igarashi, a Japanese government spokesman, said.

Oleg Soskovets, Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister, had been quoted by Tass as saying that Moscow hoped for co-operation with Japan over medical supplies. *(Reuter)*



Neftegorsk rescuers lift Volodya Bespalenko, five, to safety. She was buried for four days

Russian 'hell' holds out promise of oil paradise

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK

SEEN from the air, this distant Russian Pacific island, with its rugged coastline, snow-capped mountains and untamed beauty looks like an unspoilt jewel in a country where development has damaged so much of the environment.

Under-populated and remote, the shark-shaped Sakhalin has rarely been welcoming to its human inhabitants since the first Russian fort was established nearly 150 years ago by a young naval officer. Since then the territory has become a byword in Russia for hardship and misery, after the Tsar turned it into a penal colony, creating a cheap means of exploiting the island's rich natural resources. Chekhov summed up how many Russians regarded Sakhalin when he visited the island in 1890, and declared it to be a "hell", which would be completely deserted if its population of exiles were not prevented from leaving.

As the world discovered this week when a powerful earthquake struck Sakhalin's northern tip at the oil town of Neftegorsk, killing an estimated 2,000 people, life has not improved much. Workers still live in squalid and potentially lethal accommodation, there is a long and bitter winter and, like many distant areas of Russia, the region is suffering economic hardships and a soaring crime rate.

"If I could get out I would go to St Petersburg," said one teenager, who added that many friends were planning to leave rather than join the swelling ranks of unemployed. "Here life is too difficult and too cut off."



However, the local people have suddenly realised that Sakhalin may be on the verge of a dramatic transformation into one of the world's largest new oil centres.

"The oil industry could put the local economy back on it's feet," said Michael Jackson, a representative for the American oil giant Exxon, which is one of several Western companies involved in offshore exploration. "When we are ready to start pumping, we will need better roads, ports, new hospitals, and all the considerable infrastructure that goes with developing a big oil operation. There will be jobs and opportunities for thousands of people."

Although a prosperous community living off oil wealth is still only a dream, some hints of what may lie ahead have already appeared. The representative of Shell has built the island's first mansion — a ranch-style home imported by containers and constructed by New Zealand workmen on the outskirts of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, the island's capital. The city also boasts its first luxury hotel, a Japanese enterprise which charges £150 a night for a room, aimed at businessmen attracted by the prospect of an oil boom.

What is not clear, however, is when the oil will start to flow. Engineers believe they are three years away from pumping oil, not to mention the considerable bureaucratic obstacles from Moscow, including planned potentially restrictive tax legislation for foreign oil companies.

'Spoilsport' Britain finds an EU friend

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN MESSINA

MINISTERS gather today in Messina, Sicily, to crank up the machinery for revamping the European Union.

Only 18 months on from the full raification of Maastricht, nobod is eager to start the battle for a new treaty. The plan for Europe's entry to the 21st century is expected to emerg from the inter-governmenta conference that will begin next year after preparation by a "reflection group" of high-ranking officials that starts n Sicily. Britain's seat on the group is held by David Davis, the Euro-sceptical Foreign Office Minister of State.

The conference has been devised to commemorate the anniversary of the 1955 conference in he town of ministers of the six states of the Coal and Steel Community, which gave birth to he Common Market. Anthony Eden's Government scoffed it the scheme and refused b attend.

Britain's observer, an official from the Board of Trade, predicted disaster for the venture and Harold Macmillan, then Foreign Minister, noted: "The French will never go into the 'common market' — the German industrialists and economists equally dislike it." Macmillan later considered Britain's cold shoulder to have been a huge miscalculation.

Forty years later in Messina, Britain is a member of the club and is promising a batch of initiaives, but for the other big menbers it is still considered very much the spoilsport. Germany, France and other states, though long inured to Britain's Euro-reluctance, are annoyed by John Major's fierce resistance to any extension of Union powers and his aim to seek "repatriation" of some already invested in Union institutions.

Britain is not, however, as isolated as it was in the run-up to Maastricht because realism has tempered the zeal that drove the federalists. Popular doubts and outright hostility towards Maastricht in many states have set the scene for a more sober approach.

Britain leads the minimalist camp, which regards conference as a 5,000-mile service for the Maastricht "car". The tune-up is supposed to make the Union operate more smoothly and handle the issue of enlargement to the East. This view is not shared by diehards such as Jacques Delors, who said that the Maastricht compromises had delivered "a Formula One car with the engine of a lawnmower".

Under its new Gaullist President, however, France is on the defensive. President Chirac has proclaimed a deep commitment to monetary union and the "Franco-German couple", but he shares much of Britain's thinking on the need to retain national sovereignty and clip the wings of the Commission and the European Parliament.

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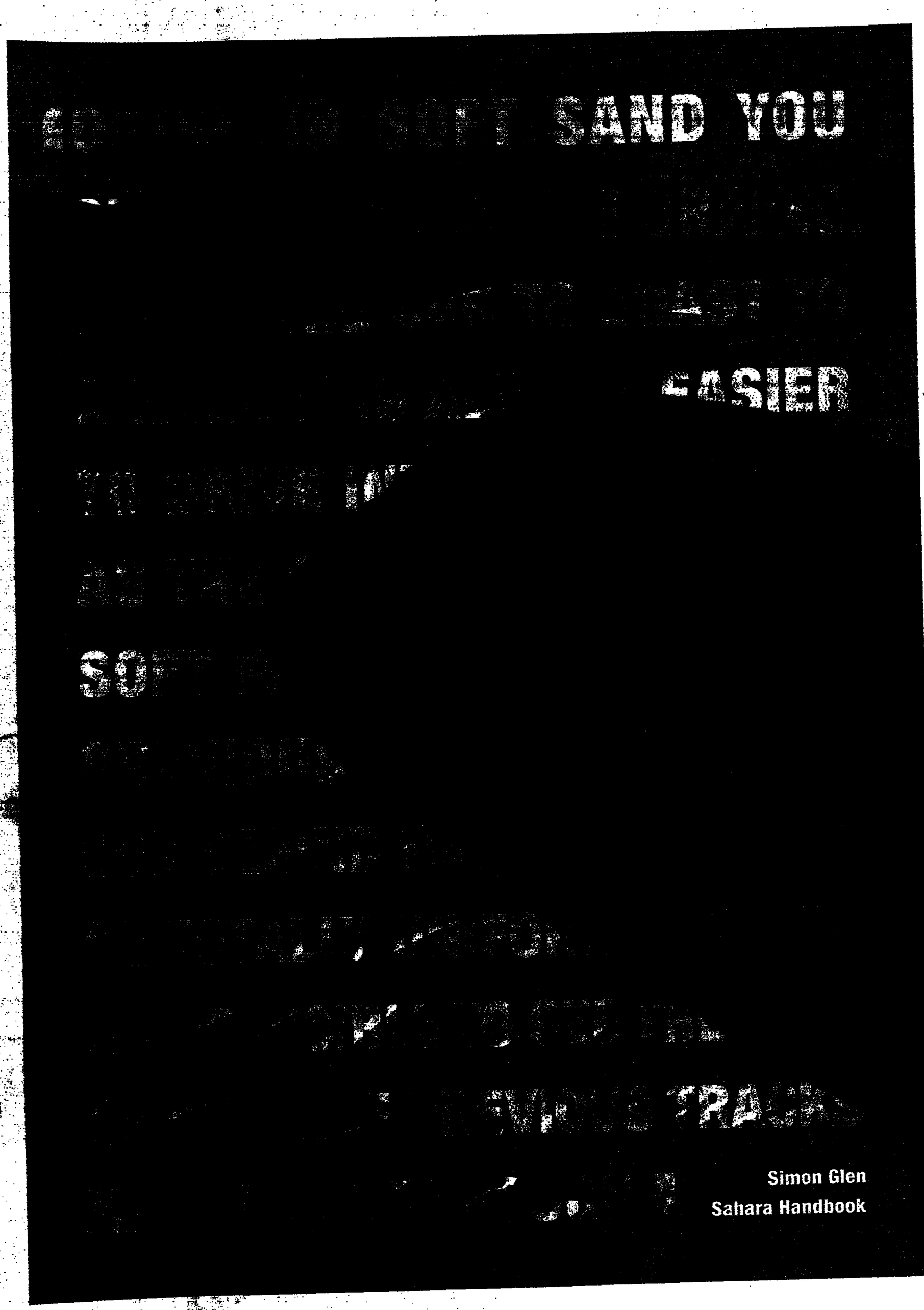
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Britain maps out strategy for rapid reaction forces

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN was yesterday taking the lead in adapting the role of its soldiers in Bosnia-Herzegovina to form the bulk of two mobile reserve forces which will provide Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the United Nations commander, with a more potent weapon with which to respond to Bosnian Serb attacks.

The first of the planned units, a reserve force which will consist of between 1,000 and 2,000 soldiers equipped with Warrior armoured infantry fighting vehicles, is being made up from British troops serving in central Bosnia which is relatively peaceful.

Responsibility for creating this force has been passed to Brigadier Andrew Pringle, the commander of British forces in Bosnia, based at Gornji Vakuf. He will select the soldiers from BRITBAT 1, the battalion carrying out peacekeeping and humanitarian duties in Vitez, Gornji Vakuf, Jelah and Zepce, and from CAVBAT, the cavalry battalion based at Zepce, Maglaj and Gornji Vakuf.

As well as Warriors, the reserve force will have 12 105mm light guns which were sent to Bosnia as part of the British reinforcements. There will also be communications units, reconnaissance troops in Scimitar armoured vehicles

MOBILE RESERVE

and Royal Engineers, equipped with heavy armoured vehicles that can clear obstructions, minefields and other obstacles.

If approved by the UN in New York, the second unit will be based around 24 Airmobile Brigade, once it deploys from its base in Colchester. This force of 5,500 troops, plus additional support units, is intended to give General Smith a genuinely rapid reaction reserve because it will be helicopter-borne.

However, British military sources admitted yesterday that the first reserve force would be well protected but not "very rapid" because it would have to travel by road. The second unit, while more mobile and capable of immediate response, will be vulnerable to attack because it will be lightly equipped.

As the new strategy began to emerge yesterday, military sources confirmed that both reserve forces would come under UN command and function under the existing UN mandate. While General Smith will be able to call on the two separate units, permission for their use will have to be approved under the national command structure which each troop-contributing country has maintained since UN soldiers were first sent to Bosnia.

Brigadier Pringle has operational responsibility for the 3,400 British troops and the incoming reinforcements and is answerable to the Ministry of Defence, but he is also a UN commander who is given orders by General Smith. The fact that General Smith is also British is an added bonus and provides the Government with another crucial link in the UN operation in Bosnia.

Still uncertain is how many other countries will join the two proposed reaction forces. So far Canada, New Zealand and The Netherlands, all with troops in Bosnia, are expected to join the first reserve force. France's contribution to a rapid reaction capability was being worked out yesterday in Paris between British and French military officials, prior to the meeting of defence ministers in Paris on Saturday. It is possible the French might want to form a third reaction force.

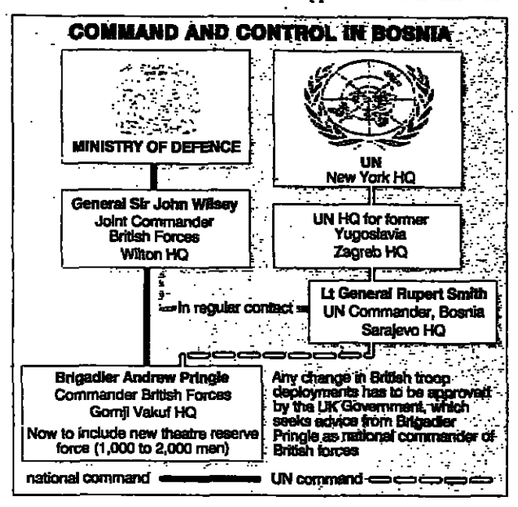
For the past three days the changing strategy towards Bosnia has raised a number of key issues about the future role of UN troops and the new risks facing them in the light of the decision to strengthen the military presence. However, answers to some of the questions began to emerge yesterday.

According to military sources, the British reinforcements, while operating under the same mandate as the troops already in Bosnia, will be in a position to respond to Bosnian Serb aggression with greater robustness. The basic rules of engagement, which focus on the right of self defence, will remain, although a codicil will have to be added to take into account the fact that British troops now have artillery for the first time.

The strengthened forces will be used to guarantee the movement of supply convoys, with the artillery available to dissuade the Serbs from trying to stop the UN's freedom of movement.



A Bosnian Serb soldier, wearing a UN emblem, stands guard near Pale yesterday



'Terrorist' acts condemned

Budapest: The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe demanded yesterday the immediate and unconditional release of United Nations peacekeepers held by Bosnian Serbs.

In a statement from the Foreign Ministry of Hungary, which currently holds the rotating chairmanship, the organisation said it fully supported international efforts to negotiate peace in former Yugoslavia and the presence of UN peacekeepers.

HOSTAGES

"The chairman-in-office demands the immediate and unconditional release of all UN personnel held hostage by the Bosnian Serbs," the statement said. "The freedom of movement and the safety of United Nations Protection Forces, as well as its ability to carry out its mandate fully, should be ensured without delay."

The organisation, in its first public statement on the latest escalation of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina, strongly condemned the "terrorist acts". It said those responsible must be held accountable.

Bosnian Serb forces have detained or surrounded more than 350 UN personnel, using them as human shields against further Nato airstrikes. They have offered to free the hostages in return for guarantees against air attacks. *(Reuter)*

☐ Zagreb: A Swedish civilian UN employee stationed in Banja Luka has been held by Bosnian Serbs for two days but the UN refused to call him a hostage yesterday. Fred Eckhard, a UN spokesman in Zagreb, said: "This is a very localised incident not connected to hostage taking and the restriction of movement." *(AFP)*

Attack on 'safe area' mocks the UN peacekeepers

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

FIGHTING continued inside the Gorazde "safe area" yesterday, trapping British peacekeepers in their bunkers for a second day and mocking the rapid-reaction force that Britain and Western countries are assembling for emergencies in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

After an overnight lull, combat resumed again at dawn, the United Nations reported. On Wednesday, 13 civilians were wounded by gunfire into the Bosnian Government-held town, but UN officers said that the Serbs were largely keeping their fire targeted at the front lines. Observers reported about 350 explosions in the immediate vicinity of the town on Wednesday.

This is the first serious outbreak of fighting in the "safe area" since Nato issued an ultimatum to Serb forces in April last year to withdraw two miles from the town centre and pull back heavy artillery from the exclusion zone. Then, Serb troops had shot down a British Sea Harrier in the first Nato airstrikes.

Fighting intensified on Wednesday as Serbs and Bosnian Muslims broke their Nato-encouraged restraint that lasted a year. UN officials said that they were unable to respond to the attacks on the "safe area", and violations of the Nato ultimatum because of the hostage crisis and the predicament faced by some 500 UN peacekeepers in Gorazde. The approximately 350 British and 100 Ukrainian soldiers in the pocket left their observation posts and stopped patrolling truce lines around Gorazde after separatist fighters began taking them hostage last Sunday. The rebels are holding or have surrounded a total of 372 peacekeepers in Bosnia since two days of Nato airstrikes on a Serb ammunition dump last week.

The UN rejected an earlier offer by the Serbs for conditional negotiations on releasing the peacekeepers. "It is the opinion of this command that currently we should not negotiate on the issue of the hostages and that we should demand their unconditional release," UN spokesman Aleksandr Ivanko said.

Anger and embarrassment, coupled with the ensuing operational meltdown, spurred Britain and other Western countries to begin moving combat troops into the region. Of the new troops arriving in the region, only the British are deploying into Bosnia. The first units will wear the blue helmets of peacekeepers. So far, Britain and Spain are the only countries that have committed themselves to participating in "Task Force Alpha", a new rapid-reaction unit being established by Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the UN commander in Bosnia.

GORAZDE

A UN spokesman refused to discuss its possible operations. Other than withdrawal or forcibly bringing the Serbs into line — both of which would require tens of thousands more troops — the new unit's only clear role would be for just the kind of crisis that is unfolding in Gorazde.

The British and Ukrainian peacekeepers and a Norwegian medical team in the pocket have been paralysed by the crisis. Deployed in the eastern enclaves as a "tripwire" for Nato airstrikes, the Serbs have succeeded in disconnecting the peacekeepers from the air threat. With no hope of policing the "safe area" or the exclusion zone and little chance of Nato air action to protect them, they are left to hunker down in their shelters and wait for a UN Security Council decision or the end of the fighting. Task Force Alpha is theoretically meant to come to their rescue, but just as the hostage standoff has kept UN commanders from calling Nato warplanes in to hit the Serbs, it also makes them think twice about deploying a battle group. As for returning Serb artillery fire from one of the two British batteries soon to be sent into central Bosnia, the eastern enclaves are far out of range of their guns. "The British troops are only under fire in Gorazde," said a Nato officer. "The rest of them might as well have tea and stickies, they're busy watching Sky in Gornji Vakuf, Vitez and Split."

> "British troops not under fire might as well have tea and stickies"

Peacekeepers and Western military officers say that without a clear decision from political leaders about whether to withdraw or go to war with the Serbs, a catastrophe is almost inevitable. "We were in a quagmire before, now it's just getting bigger," the officer said.

UN troops were sent to Gorazde a year ago, after Nato's ultimatum convinced the Serbs to give peacekeepers access to the pocket and its 60,000 inhabitants. But the heavy weapons exclusion zone and the efforts to protect the five other "safe areas" have collapsed under the gravity of the latest UN-Serb stand-off.

Turkey tolerates Greek sea treaty

FROM REUTER IN ANKARA

GREECE'S ratification of a treaty allowing it to extend territorial waters was not a reason for war, Turkey said yesterday, although it might be another matter if Athens actually claimed new waters.

"This is nothing but Greece's ratifying the decision taken by the Law of the Sea conference," Erdal Inonu, the Foreign Minister, said. "Greece has promised not to put it into effect."

But Mr Inonu, who said he was hoping to hold talks with Greece, said Turkey would see Greek enforcement of the 1982 Law of the Sea treaty as a hostile act. Turkey has long said enforcement of the Act would be grounds for war.

The Greek parliament on Wednesday night ratified the Act, which gives it the right to double its territorial waters to 12 nautical miles. But Athens has not said it will actually enforce the accord. Ankara has refused to sign the Law of the Sea accord, which it says would turn the Aegean into a virtual Greek lake, choking Turkish access to international waters.

Turkey went ahead with scheduled military exercises in the Aegean yesterday, hours after the ratification. The land and sea exercises are due to last two weeks.

Greece attacked the exercise as provocative. "It seems Turkey is repeating the usual practice of artificial tension and provocations," Evangelos Venizelos, a Greek government spokesman, said.

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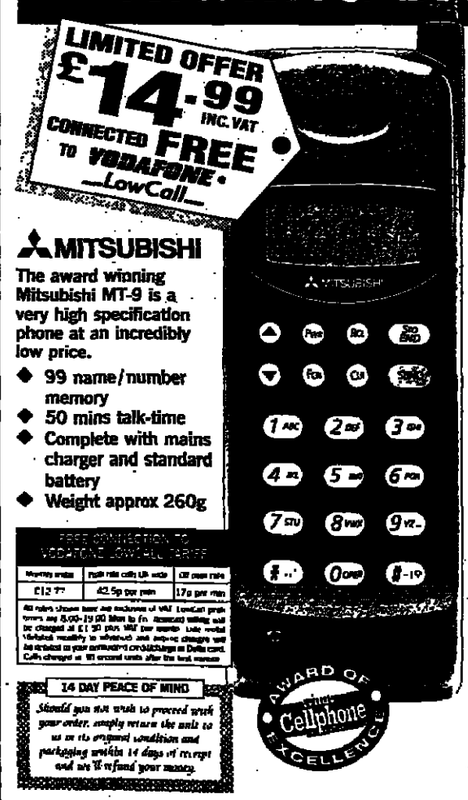
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Clinton faces Congress battle over offer to send troops

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON was heading for a clash with Congress yesterday over his decision to send American troops into Bosnia should United Nations peacekeepers need help in retreating to more defensible positions.

Republicans and Democrats expressed opposition to a move they feared would suck American forces deep into the Balkans quagmire. Robert Dole, the Republican Senate leader, demanded that Warren Christopher and William Perry, the Secretaries of State and Defence respectively, explain this "significant policy shift" at congressional hearings next week. He and many colleagues redoubled their calls for the total withdrawal of the UN protection force (Unprofor) and the arming of Bosnia's Muslims.

However, Mr Clinton emphasised that he would only "consult" Congress, not seek its formal approval. That suggested he would take the huge political gamble — as he was prepared to do in Haiti — of proceeding even if Congress remained adamantly opposed. He would thus be left, on the eve of a presidential election year, with absolutely no political cover if American lives were lost.

One official called it a "very high-risk political strategy", but Mr Clinton and his advisers evidently considered the alternative — the peacekeepers' total pullout — even worse. That would mean deploying a far larger force of 25,000 US troops to cover Unprofor's perilous exit, a subsequent bloodbath in Bosnia, and the humiliation of the UN, Nato and America.

Not surprisingly, the Administration was doing its utmost yesterday to avert deployments of any sort, instructing Robert Frasure, a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, to offer new concessions to President Milosevic of Serbia. Mr Frasure was reportedly offering an indefinite suspension of most trade and financial sanctions against Serbia in return for Belgrade's recognition of Bosnia and pressure on Bosnian Serbs to release UN hostages and negotiate a peaceful settlement.

Mr Dole, the Republican presidential frontrunner, led the assaults on Mr Clinton's readiness to help Unprofor redeploy, saying the President was merely reinforcing "an irretrievably flawed peacekeeping operation which, if it drags on, poses the greatest risk of drawing America into a Balkans quagmire". He said the Administration should pursue the only viable option left in Bosnia, which was to arm the Muslims, and would have great difficulty winning congressional approval for any deployment of US troops unless the allies first agreed to lift the UN weapons embargo.

Senator Phil Gramm, another Republican presidential candidate, said that "adding American names to the casualty list cannot save Bosnia". Senator John McCain, a distinguished Vietnam veteran, said the President was merely helping to "reshuffle the deck in a losing game". Jesse Helms, the Senate foreign relations committee chairman, called Mr Clinton's plan "totally unacceptable". Senior Democrats were almost as hostile.

The New York Times echoed military experts in arguing that Mr Clinton's "reckless" plan could "easily open the way to direct American involvement in the fighting if, for example, the Bosnian Serbs chose to disrupt the UN redeployment".

Pentagon officials said an elite 2,000-strong Marine Expeditionary Unit, already in the Adriatic, would be the first in, but could be reinforced by the 1st Armoured Division based in Germany.

Britain and France go ahead with military build-up despite Boutros Ghali appeal

West refuses to negotiate with Serbs for release of hostages

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND MICHAEL BINYON

THE appeal by the United Nations Secretary-General for a more modest peacekeeping strategy in Bosnia-Herzegovina was effectively swept aside yesterday by Britain and France, the main troop-contributing countries, who plan to go ahead with creating new rapid reaction forces to provide a tougher military presence.

As Western allies refused to deal with the Bosnian Serbs who had offered to negotiate the release of the 370 UN hostages, fresh incentives were offered to President Milosevic of Serbia to persuade him to recognise Bosnia and further isolate the Serbs.

It was reported that Robert Frasure, the American envoy who is back in Belgrade, had told Mr Milosevic that international economic sanctions on Serb-led Yugoslavia effectively could be lifted, rather than suspended for a limited time.

Sources close to the talks in Belgrade said "other economic inducements" were also on offer, including currency supports for the Yugoslav dinar and loans and other credits via the European Union. It was even suggested that in return for recognition of Bosnia, Belgrade would be allowed to import a limited amount of oil products.

As diplomatic efforts continued in Belgrade, the French produced their ideas for a beefed-up force to include the creation of a secure corridor, linking Sarajevo to the outside, free access of UN forces to supply enclaves and the creation of a rapid intervention force.

In his report on Wednesday, Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali said that those countries who wanted to take a more robust approach against the Serbs should organise their own multinational intervention force to replace the UN's peacekeepers.

Although this is not supported by Britain, the French proposal, which would involve a force of about 5,000 men backed by air power, appeared to have less to do with peacekeeping than with peace enforcement.

In the flurry of diplomatic activity over the Bosnian crisis, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will fly to Nato's southern headquarters in Europe today to streamline the alliance's co-ordination with the UN. He also announced yesterday that Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, will come to London next week, underlining a key role that Russia has promised to play in securing the release of the 370 UN hostages.

Mr Hurd said he was flying to Naples later today because it was important to improve the co-ordination between Nato, with its southern command in this Italian city, and the UN Protection Force (Unprofor). He wanted Nato participation in the Security Council debate in New York next week, and he wanted to draw together the different elements dealing with Bosnia. "There is no such thing as the international community — and this is part of the problem," he said.

The Bosnian crisis has galvanised international resolve to keep UN forces in Bosnia and to push forward with diplomatic negotiations. Mr Hurd said that Britain's role had been "considerably enhanced" by its swift decision to send reinforcements and to take firm political action. "This has put us in a stronger position on all issues," he said.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, who will attend a meeting of Western defence ministers in Paris on Saturday to discuss ways to strengthen the peacekeeping force, is expected to offer equipment and logistical help.

Ken Bacon, the Pentagon spokesman, said: "We fully support European efforts to strengthen Unprofor." He added that America was prepared to offer equipment, airlifts of equipment and troops, and to participate in planning a strengthened UN force.

☐ **Pale:** Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, last night issued a warning that nobody should try to rescue the hostages.

Speaking on Bosnian Serb television, he said: "No one should come to try to free the hostages. We must defend our own people with all the power at our disposal." Unprofor must do its job and remain neutral, he said.



A Danish soldier in Sarajevo momentarily takes off his "Blue Helmet". Britain wants to put another 5,500 troops under the UN umbrella

Beleaguered village united in defiance

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN PALE

IN THE market, beleaguered families haggled over black market cassettes. In the cemetery, an old man wept over the grave of his son-in-law, killed on the Bosnian front line in December.

This is Pale, the misty mountain resort which the Bosnian Serbs have made their headquarters. It must rank among the world's weirdest capitals — a village of pristine Balkan houses sprawling across the pine-clad slopes of Mount Jakovina, with the tiny market at its hub. An idyllic setting for a leadership which says it feels unfairly reviled in the rest of the world.

Thunderstorms yesterday sounded as ominous echoes of last week's Nato airstrikes against the Serbs' ammunition dumps, which killed four and wounded five — all local civilians.

Vjezdana Goloigra, 13, was playing outside when the bombs fell. "I was frightened and I cried," said the refugee from Zenica. "I know there is a war on and that Serbs and Muslims hate one another."

Vjezdana was one of 25,000 Serb refugees who have swollen Pale's pre-war population of 5,000. She and her family set up home in an empty building, struggling to survive on humanitarian aid and whatever they could gather from the black market.

However, the last humanitarian aid arrived more than a month ago and after the taking of the UN hostages, nobody was banking on fresh supplies. The market stalls bore testimony to the relative leakiness of the border with Serbia, which President Milosevic is supposed to have sealed. No sanctions monitors were evident on the River Drina frontier at Travnik as ox carts vied with chauffeur driven Mercedes for space.

"Thank you and see you again," the quaintly carved English language sign seadon the road into Pale. "*Sretno*" (Good luck) it added in Serbo-Croat.

Vegetables, clothes and machine parts were also on sale in the market. Shoppers and stallholders seemed unanimously united in defiance of the UN and Nato.

"Things are not good for us but they [the Bosnian Serbs] must fight on," said Sladana Dukic. "We will survive." Asked about the UN hostages she said: "It is the only way to defend ourselves. We have nothing against them personally."

Slavisa Rakovic has the unenviable task of being in charge of the Bosnian Serb republics' foreign economic relations.

"You have to be very inventive in this job," he said. "There is a saying that money makes the world go round."

Pale was a sleepy weekend retreat for well-off Sarajevo Serbs until the 1984 winter Olympics, when many new houses were built.

Despite an apparent air of wartime normality in the village, the lives of everyone has been touched by the war. Dragana works at the munitions site, the target of last week's raids. She was on her way to work when the bombs fell.

"I threw myself to the ground but was unhurt," she said. "A soldier near me had his machine gun destroyed, but was miraculously unhurt."

Her son had just finished three years fighting on the front line outside Sarajevo. She was relieved, not so much because he was in danger from the opposing guns, but because he had taken to smoking three packets of cigarettes a day.

Chirac vows to stop return of barbarism in Europe

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRANCE

PRESIDENT CHIRAC of France, in his first public pronouncement since the hostage crisis began last week, last night underlined France's tougher stance on Bosnia, promising to resist Serb aggression and prevent "the return of ethnic hatred and barbarity" in Europe.

M Chirac was in the Breton town of Vannes to pay homage to the two French servicemen killed in Sarajevo last Saturday. "France will no longer tolerate that her soldiers are humiliated, wounded or killed with impunity by those who are opposed to their mission of peace and protection of populations," he said, adding: "Our military presence in Bosnia is based on a simple and strong idea: Europe's security is at stake in this region."

Hailing the heroism of Marcel Amaru, 25, and Jacky Humblot, 19, the Marines killed when French troops stormed a bridge captured by Serbs last weekend, M Chirac said they deserved the recognition of the international community. His intervention was seen by political analysts as further evidence that he is in control of France's Bosnian policy, with developments decided at the Elysée Palace rather than at the Foreign Ministry.

In words at least, Paris has shown new resolve this week, with M Chirac's speech last night highlighting what has been interpreted as a typically Gaullist determination to stand up for "a certain idea of France".

However, commentators are urging the President to back his commitment with actions, such as a decision to retake the bridge in Sarajevo. Failure to do so could result in public opinion turning against him, they say.

Yesterday, Hervé de Charette, the Foreign Minister, put some detail to the policies that he hopes will give substance to the President's verbal engagements. These, he said, involved "a strengthening of the UN mission, a reinforcement of the means at the troops' disposal, the creation of a corridor enabling Sarajevo to be linked to the outside world, making Sarajevo's airport safe, the free access of UN forces to the enclaves and the creation of a rapid intervention force".

Asked if a military operation to free the hostages held by the Bosnian Serbs was feasible, M de Charette said: "These questions are open."

WORLD SUMMARY

Rushdie's death seen as answer

Nicosia: The author Salman Rushdie could ease strained relations between Iran and the West by dying a natural death, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, Iran's parliamentary Speaker said.

The Speaker was quoted by Irna, the official Iranian news agency, as telling a Western journalist: "If he dies himself, our and your problem will be resolved." He reiterated that Tehran would not hunt Rushdie, condemned to death in a fatwa six years ago over his book *The Satanic Verses*. *(Reuter)*

Children hurt by car bombs

Karachi: Two car bombs exploded here yesterday injuring two children — one blast was in front of the Sindh provincial assembly hall. Later a bomb scare forced the stock exchange to halt trading and a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at a police station.

Nobody claimed of responsibility for the attacks. Almost 600 people have died in ethnic and sectarian strife in Karachi this year. *(Reuter)*

Pilots ground Cyprus airline

Nicosia: A strike by pilots over pay grounded the Cyprus charter airline Eurocypria yesterday. Flights between Britain and Cyprus were hit and are likely to be cancelled again today, affecting 3,000 holidaymakers. An agreement has been reached with other airlines to carry the passengers, an airline official said. *(Reuter)*

14 charged over cinema blaze

Peking: Criminal charges have been laid against 14 officials, including a former mayor, accused of neglect over a cinema fire that killed 325 people, including 288 children, in northwest China last December, the *People's Daily* reported yesterday. The fire happened in the oil city of Karamay. *(Reuter)*

Texas executes 'joy killer'

Huntsville, Texas: Fletcher Thomas Mann, 34, described as a "joy killer" whose idol was Charles Manson, was executed by injection for a double murder in 1980. One victim was raped, stabbed and strangled. A third was left for dead, but survived. *(AP)*

Joint exercise

Vienna: Two Austrian youths chose the wrong place to grow marijuana — they were arrested trying to harvest their crop after an alsatian found the plants on a police dog training ground. *(Reuter)*

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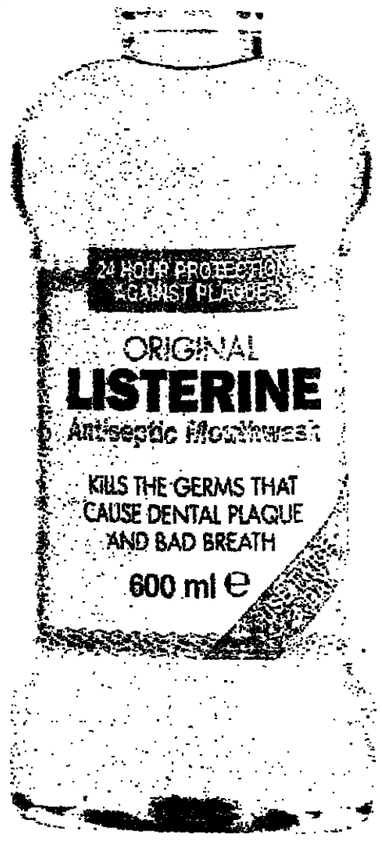
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Ben Macintyre on a campus killing

Did Harvard make a murderer?

THERE is a warning that alumni of Harvard University are wont to offer their successors as proof of the intense academic pressure, and high fall-out rate, at America's premier university: "Look to your right and look to your left, and by the end of the year, two of you will be gone."

Last weekend, two female students studying at Harvard to become doctors did indeed go, victims of the worst act of violence in the university's 359-year history and evidence, perhaps, of the fatal combination of stress, immaturity and infatuation that top-level academic institutions can sometimes foster.

At 8 o'clock on Sunday morning Sinedu Tadesse, a 20-year-old student from Ethiopia, fatally stabbed her sleeping room-mate, Thang Ho, 45 times with a ten-inch knife. A visiting friend of Ho staying overnight in the Harvard dormitory was wounded when she tried to intervene.

Tadesse then barricaded herself into a bathroom and hanged herself from a shower rail.



Death plan: Sinedu Tadesse

The authorities at Harvard have sought to portray the murder-suicide as a random, isolated incident. "I put in a plea for the way great novelists like Dickens or Tolstoy would see this tragedy: as a matter of fate and chance," Neil Rudenstine, the Harvard President, said.

Before the events of last Sunday, both women seemed set for stellar careers in medicine. Both had made it to America's most prestigious university by dint of hard work and ambition: Tadesse, the daughter of a provincial school administrator in Addis Ababa, went to the International Community School in Ethiopia before winning a scholarship to Harvard; Ho, also 20, came to America from Vietnam as a child and was considered the star pupil at Boston Technical High School before she too gained a place at Harvard.

For two years Tadesse and Ho shared a room, but fellow students described them as driven and withdrawn. While they flourished academically, their relationship appears to have been childishly intense, two loners clinging to one another despite their differences. When they quarrelled, and Ho announced she no longer wished to have Tadesse as her room-mate, the Ethiopian woman was devastated. "You'll always have a family to go to, and I am going to have no one," Tadesse, who returned to Ethiopia only once during her time at Harvard, complained.

Police now believe Tadesse plotted the murder-suicide in advance. Early last week she sent a photograph of herself to *The Harvard Crimson* student newspaper, along with a letter in which she advised: "Keep this picture. There will soon be a very juicy story involving the person in this picture."

In the wake of Sunday's deaths, Harvard's "crisis intervention teams" of trained counsellors have fanned out through the campus at Cambridge, Massachusetts to reassure students. Two other students have committed suicide at Harvard this year, but Bill Fitzsimmons, admissions dean, says Harvard's legendary reputation for pressurising its students is out of date. The university's graduation rate of 97 per cent is the highest in the country, he points out.

Yet the stress of maintaining standards at Harvard is not limited to the students. Mr Rudenstine himself was forced to take a sudden leave of absence last winter, exhausted by the demands of his job.

THE recession has helped to make the competition for places at Harvard and comparable universities still more ferocious, particularly for those hoping to go on to medical school, and particularly for women. For the first time, women now outnumber men in "pre-med" courses at both Harvard and Yale.

Harvard clearly represented the entire universe for Sinedu Tadesse, who planned to kill her erstwhile friend and kill herself, it seems, but still had time to think of getting a "juicy story" and a posthumous picture in the student newspaper.

Packaging the old school

Alice Thomson on the young English director whose prep-school memories took Hollywood by storm

Forget rollerblading, fat-free diets and Calvin Klein underwear; what the Americans really want is the great British tradition. First it was period dramas and frock coats, then it was *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. Now another young British film-maker is trying to do it with draughty boarding schools and sticky rice pudding.

Justin Hardy's film, *A Feast at Midnight*, out this week, is about what the upper classes do before they don hats and tails and rush off to damp English churches. The film is set in a vast rural pile called Dryden Park boarding school. Lonely ten-year-old Magnus, whose parents are in Paris, arrives by cab and, in the best tradition of English public schools, is given "a ragging" by fellow brats and is terrorised by cane-wielding masters.

His bed is turned over and he is force-fed a diet of healthy tofu lasagne and grated beetroot. Eventually he discovers that the way to his new chums' hearts is through their stomachs and, hijacking the kitchen at night, he organises a social club called The Scoffers, cooking such delicacies as *crème brûlée* with fresh strawberries.

Critics have been quick to slate the film. "Horrible little toffs who insist on saying yah instead of yes grate on the nerves like cheese grates on the grater," says one. "Stale and stodgy, this feast is more of a nibble," says another.

But Mr Hardy doesn't care. At the age of 30, he is revelling in having made a film which is billed alongside Woody Allen's *Bullets Over Broadway* in the West End.

He now has offices in Charlotte Street which include casting couches and pin-ups of blonde wannabee actresses, and has the confidence to walk into restaurants with shades and mobile phone ringing. With his gold kipper tie and suede shoes, he is the very model of an unusually polite, public-school Hollywood mogul. An unashamed scoffer, he picks one of the best menus in town rather than a table to be seen at, and hoovers his way through the menu asking for "large as possible" of snail ravioli and *poulet noir* with truffles, saying that the foie gras is better than at Cannes.

Like several of his contemporaries at Oxford, Mr Hardy spent two years experimenting with arty Norwegian dramas, tomato ketchup horror films and paper-thin costume pieces while making ends meet writing for *The Bill*. He took his first arty feature to a British film company, but "the guy didn't even look at me. He just sneered and said, 'Haven't you noticed we don't make films in Britain any more?'"

Mr Hardy packed his bags for Hollywood the next day and enrolled at UCLA Film School. Unlike other aspiring young Brits, he had no contact with swimming pools, no girlfriends like Elizabeth Hurley, and had to share a bunk with a 20-stone ex-military policeman in a dingy downtown

> His Charlotte Street offices include casting couches and pin-ups

hotel. When he saved up some money, he got held up by a maniac with a sawn-off shotgun. He became a reader. "It was the best experience I ever had. Reading five scripts a day, I finally learnt how to tell stories," he says, "and how to be a commercial success. I knew I was not the starving-in-a-garret type." He also met Yoshi Nishio, another British escapee, who had chucked in a job at Goldman Sachs to make a splash in LA. "Returning two years later, we were stunned that the British film industry had risen from the cutting floor. We had three months to get a film together under the Business Expansion Scheme before the Government closed it," he says.

In October 1993 they wrote a script. In November they ate their way round 50 prep schools, tasting their prunes and custard, before finally finding the perfect location. They rang Christopher Lee of horror film fame, Robert Hardy, Sam West and Edward Fox, who all miraculously agreed to appear. In December they had to find £500,000. Mr Nishio dragged Mr Hardy on to the trading floors of Goldman Sachs after it closed, and they pitched. "They had just got their bonuses. In return for £10,000, we gave them their names in the film, so the pupils are all East-End Kevins and Ians rather than Snoggleton-Smythe."

The idea came from Mr Hardy's schooldays. "The stories I told at dinner that girls always responded to best were about being a fat boy at boarding school who couldn't play games and resorted to eating chocolate out of combination-lock briefcases with the other lonely fatties." (At his next school, he went on a diet and took up cross-country running, which is why Mr Hardy is a rather svelter-looking Bunter these days.) "One of my girlfriends had been an under-matron and that gave me the romantic angle." The filming was done at Hawtrees Preparatory School in Wiltshire. The crew all slept in dormitories and the boys were plucked straight from class.

Mr Hardy refuses to admit the film is élitist. "It is for anyone who was not a popular child. Hollywood taught me to write about what you know, so there was no point in me basing it on Slough Comprehensive. If you can't sympathise with rich and privileged children, that's your problem."

It showed in Sweden, where there are no private schools, and they gave it a standing ovation. In Cannes, producers bought him champagne on the Croisette. The Japanese were drooling over the crème caramel and the Americans adore the next *Little Lord Fauntleroy* and have asked him to direct *Mighty Duck 3*. In Britain he's fully booked up on the kiddies' circuit and starring on John Craven's *Newsround*.

Mr Hardy has the guts to make it in the film industry and is convinced the British can beat Hollywood at their own game. He began with few illusions. "My father, the director Robin Hardy, didn't work for 11 years after his film, *The Wicker Man*, was panned by the critics. Later it became a cult. My film will never be a *Casablanca* but I can see it being wheeled out every Christmas with *The Sound of Music*," he says.

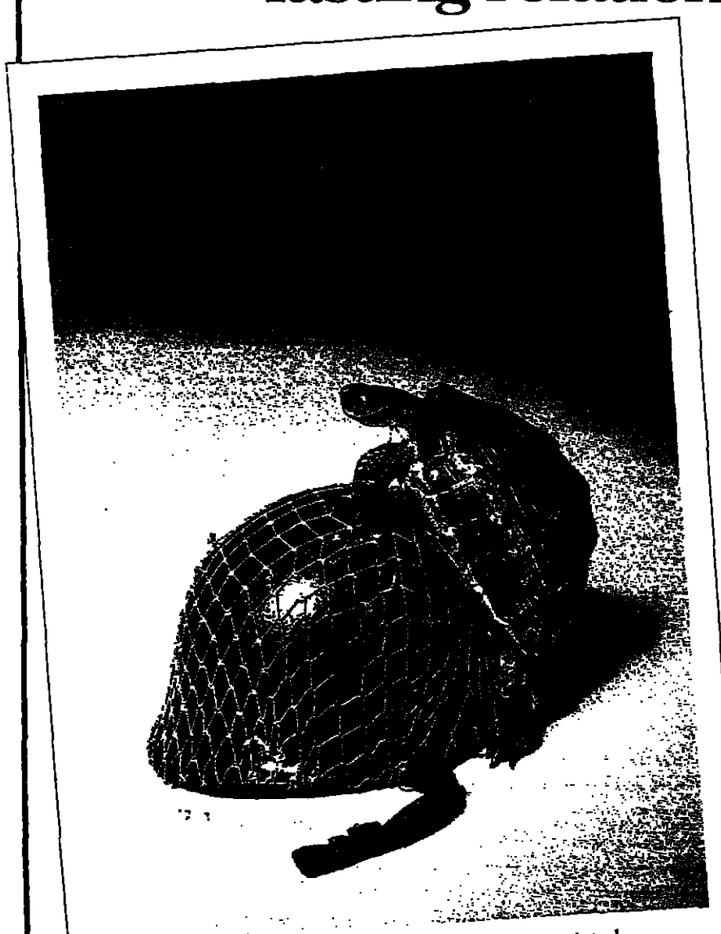
Mr Hardy is now making his sequel, *Proper Little Madames*, in which a bunch of overdeveloped schoolgirls open a whorehouse. *The Late Show* might sneer, the Americans will love it, and Mr Hardy, one eye on the family market, promises it will still have a PG certificate.



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Give heads their heads

Three years ago, there was a flurry of head abuse in the independent schools. The Dragon School in Oxford had a headmaster in and out within months; St Paul's gave a new High Mistress the heave-ho, and a public school in Wales suffered "differences" which resulted in the head being, so I wrote at the time, slung out like some Victorian tweeny who broke a plate too many.

That head wrote to me saying yes, it did feel rather like that. Another ex-head, who jumped just before he was pushed, also wrote. "I left voluntarily," he said, "because I am nearly 60, and hate rows. But I also did it because of the damage a visible sacking would do to my successor's morale. Schools are like ships: no good if the captain has to keep glancing behind him. You need to believe you are in charge or you couldn't do the job at all."

He will no doubt note with interest the conference this week of his state school equivalents. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, has asked governors to stop meddling and give heads their head. There is, he claimed, growing evidence of a mentality which suspends first and asks questions afterwards. "There are governing bodies which think that the easy answer to a school's problems is to change the head, just as the easy answer to pulling a football team up the league is to change the manager." He was widely applauded: a colleague chipped in to say that some of his fellows are now required to telephone their governors every Monday to clear the school's programme for the week. He added that governors are happy to support them when all is well, but immediately dissociate themselves the moment things go wrong.



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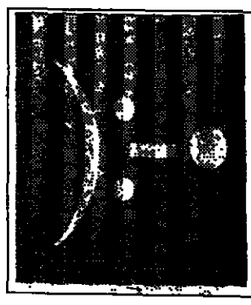
Now I am sure that there are plenty of head teachers who genuinely deserve a firework up their gowns. Every major inspectors' report for the last 30 years has made the point that the most important difference between good and bad schools is not catchment or resources, but quality of leadership. The impossibility of shifting bad state-school heads except by "early retirement on health grounds" is legendary; ten minutes with any group of parents in the country will reveal that there is one local head known to absolutely everybody as a time-serving, burnt-out waste of space, yet nothing gets done. There is no compulsory formal training for headship, not even a week of sharpening up bread-and-butter management skills; a good deputy can become a disastrous head (which is why so many admirable teachers, full of self-knowledge, spend the second half of their career sedulously avoiding promotion).

Governors, in short, sometimes have reason to be disaffected. Even though it was they who appointed their head teacher in the first place; so to suspend or harass him or her is a tacit admission that they are pretty lousy managers themselves in the business of recruitment.

And yet I find myself on David Hart's side. A school is a complex, unpredictable human enterprise. To lead one, especially to redirect one, takes time, ingenuity, patience, and a combination of tact and ruthless forcefulness which is rare (and which is probably very tiring indeed to exercise all day). It requires strong private certainties, broad vision combined with a respect for detail, and a sense of humour.

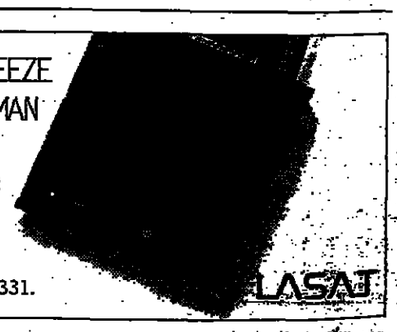
Sometimes, people who have these qualities can be idiosyncratic. Sometimes they are rather annoying; but then, bland socialite heads who butter up the governors and local worthies are sometimes not very good at actually running the school.

We hope for head-teachers of genius, or at least of character. But such people must be given space to breathe: sometimes governors must stand back and trust them for longer than they enjoy. They may have chosen the timber and carved it into a head teacher with a few strokes of the pen; but once that is done, they should stop jerking on the strings. Let Pinocchio show what he can do.



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After 25 years in the wings Corin Redgrave is in demand again, as an actor and his father's biographer

'My father couldn't tell me about his affairs with men'


ALAN WELLER

"I don't believe parents should share details of their sex lives with their children," says Corin Redgrave — but now he has chosen to write about his father's homosexual lovers

He has a noble profile, a scholarly manner, and a beautifully modulated classic English voice. His fine comic performance as that pompous ass Sir Walter Elliot in the televised *Persuasion* reminded us what a loss to the acting profession Corin Redgrave has been, in the years he has spent on platforms declaiming Marxism instead of bestriding the stage like a colossus. But it is not too late. The Redgrave boy is only 56, ripe for character roles, and he has also erupted, in print, to exorcise his father's ghost.

We perched in Vanessa Redgrave's tiny dressing-room at the Riverside Studio, Hammersmith, where brother and sister Redgrave are running their Moving Theatre Company season of plays with stirring political themes, including Vanessa in *Antony and Cleopatra*, which was shown to the critics last night.

Of the three Redgrave siblings, Vanessa was their father's chosen one, whose talent was worshipped. Corin might have become the professorial figure he resembles. From Westminster he won a classics scholarship to King's, Cambridge, switched to English and took a First despite spending all his time with the Marlowe Society: he directed the first single-play conflation of *Henry VI* with Trevor Nunn and Ian McKellen.

When his father saw him in *A Man For All Seasons* in 1967 he noted in his diary: "Corin very good. Strong. His eyes are a little close together, I notice for the first time."

Politics came after Cambridge, through CND, when Vanessa joined the Committee of 100 with Bertrand Russell. "I was very influenced by Vanessa," he says, "and still am. It's a very understanding relationship: we were thrown together for large parts of our childhood when my parents were abroad, or touring, or out every evening in the theatre, so we got to know and love many of the same things at the same time."

Corin Redgrave has never left acting, but for a while it left him. He says he was blacklisted by the BBC for nearly a quarter of a century for his political activities. "Only last October, when I was driving into the BBC car park, did I realise I had not been there for 24 years."

He cannot quite prove his claim. "The mechanics of it are shadowy," he says, "but when the book *Blacklist* [by Richard Norton-Taylor and Mark Honigsbaum] was published, it was cautiously admitted and defended, and only partly denied. But it is extremely difficult for a performer to put his or her finger on a case of blacklisting, which can always be denied. The choice of a particular actor is made by a whole team of people — and there are always plausible reasons for not employing any one." Approaches have been made, over the years. Would he be Angelo in *Measure For Measure*? Then an inexplicable silence would fall. "But offers do go cold, for real or plausible reasons."

There is clearer documentary evidence for his father's blacklisting: Sir Michael Redgrave signed the Communist Party's "People's Convention" in 1940 and was declared *persona non grata* by the BBC. After much lobbying, the ban was lifted. But Redgrave Jr's ostracism was self-perpetuating: actors are only as good as their last job. The less you do, the less you get offered — and he was standing for the Workers' Revolutionary Party, and editing *Marxist Monthly*. Only recently he was giving a course in Marxism in Birmingham.

"Without false modesty, acting is a very ephemeral profession. The waters close over you very quickly, when you've gone down for the third time. Very little remains to remind people of what you did, even if you have notched up scores of film and television appearances, as my father did. Acting fades." Today, with *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *In the Name of the Father* and *Persuasion* behind him, Corin Redgrave must surely now be pursued.

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His new book is called *Michael Redgrave My Father*. "Biography is an act of revenge," he writes dramatically. "Why must I take revenge? For all the things my father never told me? For all the secrets he kept from me? For all the life he lived without me? Or just for having died?" It is not a vengeful study, however; more a gentle filial exorcism. Almost the only political line in it is a moment's rage about doomed St Bartholomew's Hospital, where his father, with Parkinson's disease, was superbly cared for.

When he became his father's amanuensis in 1981, the autobiography they wrote together, *In My Mind's Eye*, left much unsaid. His father had told him: "I am, to say the least, bisexual." What made Corin decide, now, to write about his father's love affairs with men? "It was something my father wished to write about, but couldn't. He withdrew from talking to me about them, and I respected that: I don't believe parents should share details of their sex lives with their children." So men like "Tommie", with whom Michael was deeply in love at the time of Corin's birth, and Bob Michell, an Iroquois American, remained undiscussed.

"But I was put out to read somewhere that my father 'lacked the courage'. He was not a cowardly person," he says, "but he was anxious that the climate was becoming less liberal — as it is, with the attention given to Professor Socarides's view that homosexuality is an illness, backed by evidence from related sciences like genetics, which I find alarming."

So his book joins the biographies in which fathers are revealed to have been bigamous or otherwise secretive leaders of double lives. Michael Redgrave's own father, an Edwardian actor named Roy Redgrave, was a bigamist whose son, Michael's half-brother, emerged only last year in Vancouver where Lynn Redgrave was touring with her play, *Shakespeare for My Father*. Even in Corin Redgrave's childhood, a father like Michael had plenty of opportunity to go off on secret escapades — impossible today, Corin says, in the era of the flying fax and the mobile telephone.

Michael was therefore a sporadic father, who never guessed how unhappy Corin was at school. For a time he was at a local Chiswick primary school — he claims children played barefoot in the street near by, in 1946 — where, with his posh voice and his little velvet-collared coat, "I was such an oddity that the boy next to me stuck a pencil in my cheek so hard the lead stuck in my cheek, and asked, 'Did it hurt?'"

His book is a publishing landmark, the first from the new imprint of Richard Cohen Books, with its sabre motif. It turns out that Cohen — who was four times an Olympic fencer — and Redgrave were both taught swordsmanship by the same master. Redgrave too might have gone to the Olympics (Rome 1960): "I was the best fencer of my time," he says, "but to fence requires dedication, and I opted for acting."

When his father died in 1985, "virtually penniless" after all the full-time nursing, Corin had just enough money to buy a small plot in Highgate Cemetery (£600) but nothing to spare for a headstone. With no salary from his party, he has long been supported by his second wife Kika Markham, mother of his two younger sons.

It was Kika's political commitment that first struck him. Like her own actor father, Robert Markham, who would stand outside the Soviet Embassy with a banner and worked tirelessly on behalf of dissidents, "she spent a great deal of her time on activities that bring people blisters on their feet, and bring cold comfort. It made me love her from a distance."

Last Sunday was Lady Redgrave's 85th birthday. There was to have been a gathering of the clan, but Lynn could not come from California and Natasha is about to have her son by Liam Neeson, to be called Micheál. A third generation is now firmly in the business but Corin Redgrave scorns the dynasty theory about the Redgrave gift. He says everyone can act. But in a theatrical family, a child absorbs the idea of performance, and grows up with it. Corin, with his Shakespearean name, was so completely in love with Shakespeare by the age of 11 he learnt *Richard II* in its entirety in six weeks.

Richard Olivier, in his book about his search for manhood after his father's death, asks: "And was this to be my life, trying and inevitably failing to overcome a myth and 'beat' my father on his own territory?" Corin recognises the difficulties: he cited Rex Harrison's son Noel, and Alec Guinness's son Matthew, and said how hard it was for sons of "highly garlanded" fathers...

But should not everyone, however celebrated their parents, draw a line, at a certain age, and acknowledge that their own lives start from here? "I agree, one ought to be able to stop blaming one's parents, or feeling responsible for them, but... I don't think it is possible ever to shake off the parental influence, or accept in any full sense a person's death.

"It does haunt me: I am haunted by him. You keep people with you in your mind and memory and affections, and that is one of the sustaining things. So even now, when most things I do are very different from what he would have done, I can feel without sentimentality that I am doing it for him; it is like a present for him. And although I do not believe in an afterlife, I can hear his voice in my ear, and the sound his footfall makes."

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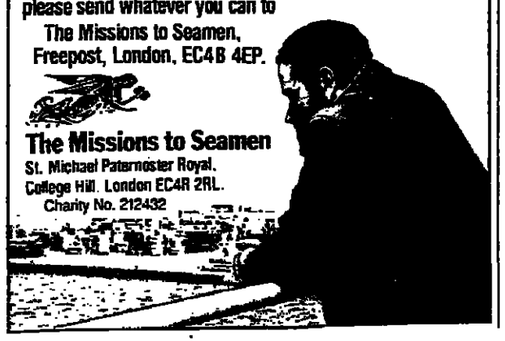
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Matthew Parris



■ People say Harold Wilson was like John Major, but he was worse than that: he was like Tony Blair

After Harold Wilson's death last week it quickly became the *wisdom of the hour to remark* that although his apparent successor was another bright, articulate modern — Tony Blair — his real heir was John Major. Both men, it was suggested, were destined to spend their careers holding their parties together, bending principle before pragmatism, reeling from crisis to crisis. The observation is not without force.

Does Wilson's career hold no lessons for new Labour, then? I am not so sure. I was struck by a remark of Wilson's repeated by Blair in his Commons tribute. I was even more struck that Blair chose to repeat it: "The Labour Party is a moral crusade or it is nothing," he quoted. "Let that be his epitaph."

It was an affecting moment. But of course Wilson's Labour Party was not a moral crusade. It was anything but. His career was many things, but never that. It was marked by its failure to become any sort of moral crusade. His enemies came to execrate (and his admirers to celebrate) the skill with which, time and again, issues of principle were sidelined, skirted or postponed.

Many of us regarded Wilson with a special loathing that can't be wholly explained by the measures he took in office. This was personal. Wilson made us grind our teeth. The sound of his voice infuriated. Why? It was because he was — or came to seem — phoney.

If you want to understand the uniquely repellent flavour of what came to be known as "Wilsonian" public relations, you must go back to that remark about the moral crusade. Wilson did at first seem to embody this. There was a time when we believed him. The young, especially, believed him. Aristocratic Alec Douglas-Home and stiff Edward Heath never looked like a moral crusade. Wilson, with his shy wife, Mary, and their ordinary lifestyle, seemed by contrast rather inspiring: a simple Wesleyan hymn, cutting through the incense and flummery of a corrupt Tory dispensation.

My mother once told me what moved her almost to tears, and almost to vote Labour, in the early 1960s. It was watching Wilson looking straight into the TV camera and saying that what persuaded him to enter politics was seeing a couple who were so poor that they could not afford a nappy for their baby, and had to make do with newspaper. He had made up his mind there and then, he said, to enter politics to help people like them.

Who knows whether this was true? He certainly did wish to do good in the world, and all agree he was a kindly-motivated man. I hesitate not over the truth of the story, but over the wisdom of using it on *television*.

Piety in politics, like pork, tastes sweet but rots fast. Like pork, piety gone rotten stinks, as the Tories learnt with "back to basics". We may be at first moved by a parade of virtue, but something in us (especially the English) doesn't quite like it. Confronted by sanctimony, we hanker after proof that it is hypocrisy.

Such was Wilson's skill as an entertainer, so folksy were his homilies, so unappealing the Tory alternative, that he beguiled us for too long. But when we realised at last that he was just like all the other politicians — *in love with power*, unable to deliver what he had promised, capable of deceit, entranced by his own reflection — we felt cheated, and disappointment turned to a special contempt.

As toward those TV evangelists who are found in bed with prostitutes, or those charity fundraisers whose fingers are found in the till, we feel a personal disgust for fallen political preachers whose virtue had seduced us — and it goes beyond political disapproval. The media rooted energetically for evidence that Wilson was financially or sexually corrupt. He was not, but, Lord, how we wanted him to be!

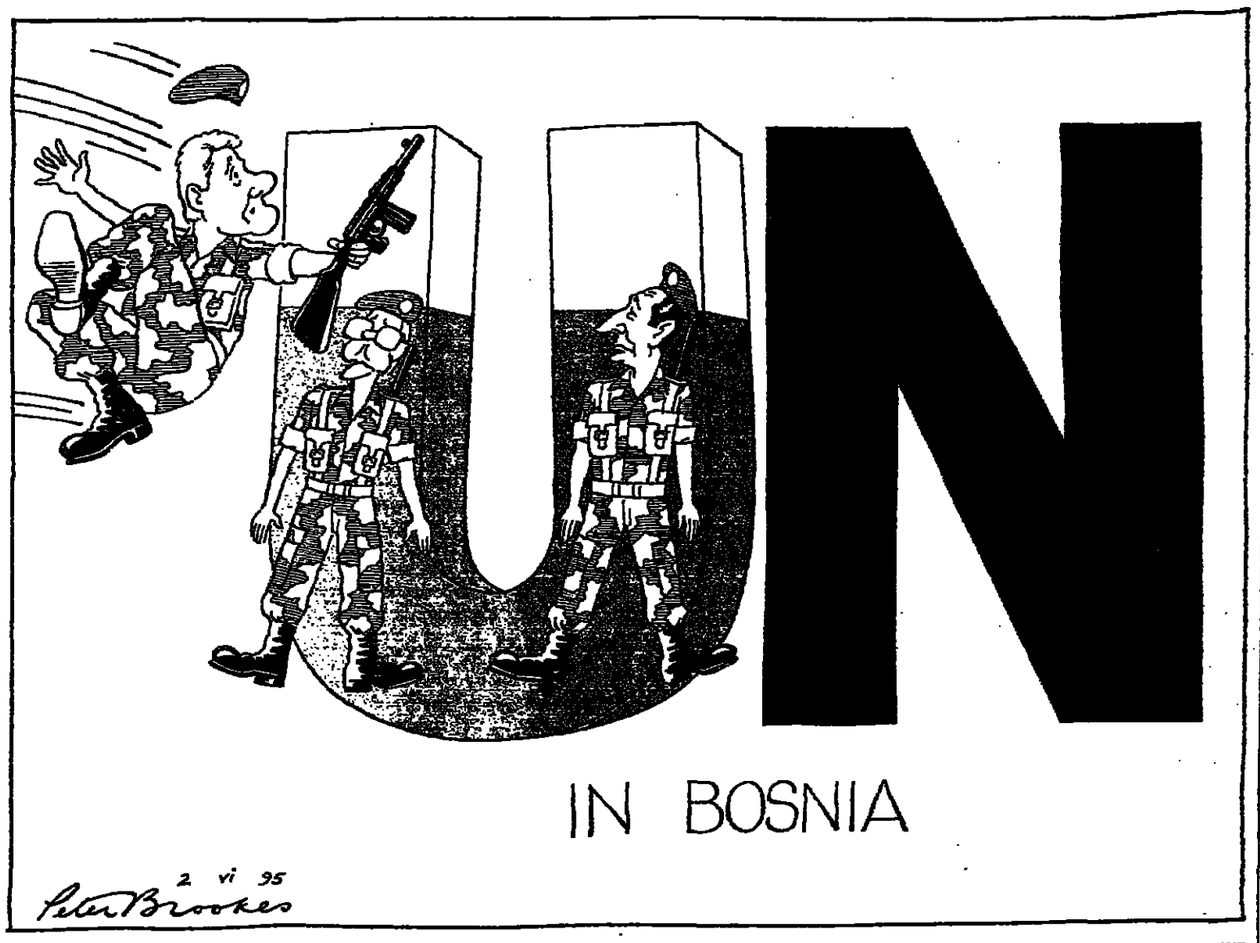
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Tony Blair will never line his pockets and does not strike me as a ladies' man. Nor has he personalised his campaign by boasts about boyhood idealism, family life, or his own virtue. He hardly mentions his Christianity. His campaign must be acquitted of any open attempt to celebrate his own rectitude.

But the language tells another story. Scan his abstract nouns and you will sniff a curious blend of pulpit and school assembly. The vocabulary is of trust and honour: of compassion, conviction, vocation: of humanity, integrity, community, morality, honesty and probity: of values, standards, faiths and beliefs. In the Commons he slips into the habit of implied superior virtue. With indignation just a shade too righteous and eyes just a mite too wide, he appeals to the heavens to be his judge.

What, then, when it turns to dust? Political promises often do: the large, intangible claims Blair is wedded to always do. His must. When he fails, how can he stop us hating him for it? His fate, some years into his premiership, is being decided now, in these critical days as his reputation is forged.

A little modesty, a little humour, some acknowledgement that life is complex and none of us perfect, would help supporters stick with him when he fails.



The worst thing since

Cast your medium sliced upon the waters, and it will return all soggy

Bernard Levin

The other day, browsing through the *FT*, I came upon some words that would harrow up thy soul, freeze thy young blood, make thy two eyes, like stars, start from their spheres, thy knotted and combined locks to part, and each particular hair to stand on end, like quills upon the fretful porpentine. And those words were "... a loaf of pre-packed sliced white bread in Sainsbury supermarkets ..."

Well? The remit of the pink'un, of course, can go no further than matters concerning the price of bread, loss-leading practices, the strength of grocery retailers in the UK, and similar grave subjects. But I have no such restraints, and I can say, as forcibly as possible, that the men — they are, of course, the Lords Sainsbury themselves — who sell loaves of pre-packed sliced white bread should suffer condignly, and my curse, therefore, falls upon each of them, *viz.*:

> Sleep shall neither night nor day
> Hang upon his pent-house lid.
> He shall live a man forbid,
> Weary se'nnights nine times nine
> Shall he dwindle, peak and pine.

To my shame, I did not previously know that there is an organisation with the sonorous, indeed noble, name of the National Association of Master Bakers, because if I *had* known I would have joined it long ago — not, of course, to barge in and start giving lessons to the experts, but to be proud to be a non-baking member. (After all, I am a *Chevalier du taste — Fromage de France*, and I have a handsome thingie on a beautiful green velvet ribbon to prove it.)

Now not for nothing is bread called the staff of life; just try saying "the staff of life" about carrots or sausages or fruit-cake, let alone — ugh — broccoli. A mere glance at the Scriptures will find them crammed with bread, as this list, a mere fragment of the full catalogue, will show:

"And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening"; "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant"; "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish from hunger!"; "Feed him with bread of affliction"; "Cast thy bread upon the waters"; "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread"; "Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and *drink thy wine with a merry heart* [one in the eye for the Rechabite]"; "Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it"; "Man doth not live by bread alone"; "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? [Clearly a reference to Sainsbury's]"; "He was known of them in breaking of bread"; "And they shall eat flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread"; "Our father ..." but I cannot insult my readers by telling them where the most familiar use of the word is to be found: "Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will give him a stone?"

And if I added the Shakespeare items we would be up all night.

Meanwhile, the fightback is coming, and the members of the National Association of Master Bakers, led by their president, Mr Roy Flint, can count on me. And *someone* has to be counted on, if only because — well, spit this bit out:

> Mr Flint said: "We are the true fresh food manufacturers, not exponents of the process of pre-formed bread — a double-baked loaf however you disguise it."

He was referring to the trend among retailers towards buying in par-baked bread and then giving it a final baking in the store, and did you ever hear anything as nasty?

Some years ago, when I was doing one of my television series — *Hannibal's Footsteps* — I had to get up very early for several days in a row, and as I trotted the same route, towards where the cameras would be, very few of the inhabitants were stirring. But one was hard at work; I never saw him, but I knew he was the baker, and I knew that because as I passed his premises I was engulfed in the glorious scent that poured out into the street every day at the same time. (It made me drool: more to the point, it made me hungry.)

But it also reminded me of the mystery of the British Loaf; part *cardboard, part warm water, part* rags from the neighbourhood clothiers, part straw, part dust, part contents of the neighbourhood rubbish-bins. Why? Why, when it is no less difficult to make good bread than to make bad bread, do the British plump for the latter? Now I am a lifelong devotee of Marks & Spencer, but when I walk (rather rapidly) past the "bread" section and see all the pre-sliced, waxed-paper-wrapped stuff that my dog wouldn't touch, if I had a dog, and that my cat wouldn't go near, if I had a cat, I shake my head in wonder. (A tip: if you shop in the Marble Arch M & S, as I do, all you have to do is to hop across the road to Selfridges, where a wide variety of excellent, crusty bread is to be found.)

That scourge of all wickednesses that deserve to be scourged, Frank Field, MP, has taken up the cause of the bakers, but even he can do no more than help them in their struggle against the under-cutters: the British Loaf must be as much a mystery to him as it is to me. Even the Germans, who know nothing about food other than to stuff themselves to bursting, can beat the British Loaf with that black, very slightly damp bread of theirs. (The Italians don't even try to make bread, but that is not because they don't care, it is that their pasta, which is the best in the world, takes the place of bread in that country.)

Oh, yes, no doubt some of the bakers in the Association are backsliders, upholding the cause while dragging it down by going in for the British Loaf, but there are always worms in the crust.

I like the ceremony of taking bread and salt to make a bargain or a promise; is it still done in the Middle East (where it started)? I ask, because so many ancient rituals have crumbled away into the dust; a pity. The Jews have it both ways; their most solemn rituals are accompanied by *matzo*, their unleavened bread, but for the rest of the year they succumb. (The most Orthodox don't succumb; they eat kosher bread.) In my childhood, which was only very faintly religious, I acquired a taste for *matzo, and I have never lost it*: there is always a packet in my larder. Rakusen, to me, means my very oldest memories; it must have been one of the first words I could say, though it is only — only! — the name of the greatest purveyor of *matzo* and of all Jewish eating, right down to the pickled cucumbers.

I fear I have strayed; Master Bakers are surely not interested in something entirely flat. (You never know; they may be making *matzo* under the supervision of the Beth Din, which is the body that governs Orthodox Jews in many things, including food, and which, if you ask me, is a pestilent nuisance.) Was it not the peasants of Russia who marched as the Revolution began under the banner cry of "Bread, Peace and Land"? If so, they were shrewd; there was to be no peace for many years, and the land still eludes them; but at least they could ask for bread without getting a stone.

The supermarket has been a boon to many. But there was a catch. Not only am I old enough to have watched the butcher cut the meat and the baker hand over the loaf still warm, but I can even remember when the grocer wrapped the goods and tied the parcel with string. The question is obvious: who knows the name of the lady who puts the goods into the bag in a supermarket? Nobody. Who now stops for a chat across the counter about the new baby? (The answer is that there isn't a counter.) But I am not just remembering things past; the supermarket has dulled the edge of shopping in making everything the same, while the corner shop distilled not only conversation and the products, but something new and untried.

So hurrah for the National Association of Master Bakers, and down with the Sainsburys and their ilk! I wouldn't half laugh if they cut their thumbs off, but unfortunately that is most unlikely, because (and this is where we came in) it is impossible to cut a thumb off with a loaf of pre-packed sliced white bread. Oh, well; they might choke on it.

Kenya's son also rises

Sam Kiley on the ambitions of Richard Leakey

Could Dr Richard Leakey become the first white president of an independent African country? Clearly Kenya's ruler, Daniel arap Moi, thinks he has a chance. Why else would he accuse the famous conservationist — who has announced his intention to form an opposition party — of being a racist, a colonialist and an atheist backed by the Ku-Klux-Klan on a mission to recolonise Kenya for whites?

According to Mr Moi, he is also a land-grabber, an ignoramus, a useless administrator, and may be plotting a military coup against Kenya's democratically elected Government, in cahoots with Italian businessmen, shady Mozambicans, and a guerrilla army based in Uganda.

Only three weeks after announcing his entry into politics against the ruling Kenya African National Union, and almost two years before the next general election, 50-year-old Dr Leakey has sent President Moi into hysterical fits of vitriol. Is this because he is white? Or because the President, a grandmaster of the political game, realises that Kenyans, like all Africans, might leap at any alternative to the "politics of the belly" which has leaders gorging themselves?

With the exception of Nelson Mandela and possibly Ghana's Jerry Rawlings and Uganda's Yoweri Museveni (on whom the juries are still out), Africa's leaders are universally loathed. Thousands of voters walked for two or three days through fields thickly sown with mines to vote in Angola's 1991 elections, only to see their country plunged back into civil war because Jonas Savimbi was a bad loser. Kenyans were thwarted by an opposition that divided the protest vote between three tribally based parties and let Mr Moi squeeze back in with the mandate of a third of the electorate in 1992. Worse horrors have struck Liberia, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Burundi and Somalia.

In four years of writing about Africa, I have conducted a poll among the hundreds of taxi-drivers I have hired. "Would they like to see their country returned to the days of colonial rule?" They give the same answer every time: "Yes."

This isn't genuine affection for the good old days. More than 50 per cent of Africans are under 18, and few remember the colonial era. But 30 years of independence and billions of pounds of foreign aid have brought economic collapse and spiralling insecurity in the "safest" capitals on the continent.

The continent's ills are rightly put down to the problem of tribalism. What is less often said is that Africa's leaders have deliberately harnessed and inflamed ethnic rivalries to gain power, stuff their pockets, and run.

So Dr Leakey's white skin is a political asset, not because other Kenyans yearn for British rule, but because as a white he would be expected to ignore the pressures and temptations of the tribe. "Under him, we would know that no tribe would get much, but we would all get a fair share," said house-painter Johnstone Njoroge. There are many white Kenyans about whom this might not be said — many white professionals in Nairobi are crooked — but Dr Leakey is perceived as one of the nation's few genuine patriots.

A second-generation white Kenyan, he took over responsibility for wildlife by presidential appointment in 1988, and in five years he turned a chaotic racket more interested in shooting elephants than saving them into an efficient and profitable anti-poaching organisation. In 1993 he was forced to resign, shortly after losing both legs in a plane crash, because his incorruptibility brought him into conflict with cabinet ministers wanting to take chunks of game parks for private development.

Since then, he has tried to set up as a conservation consultant, but this week he said that corruption in Kenya was so bad that business is impossible. Things are likely to get worse. Germany, Denmark and Japan have frozen funding worth tens of millions of pounds for road-building and other essential repairs in this crumbling nation. In July the seven biggest donors may also cut $800 million worth of support — because the Kanu regime continues to persecute opposition leaders and plunge its hands into the coffers.

Dr Leakey is coy about whether he might stand in a presidential race. "The question is premature." But he is a notoriously ambitious man, whose career as a fossil-hunter began when he grabbed a grant from under the nose of his father, and it is significant that he does not rule out running Kenya. "He is a *mzungu* [white] with a reputation for being stubborn, pigheaded ... which will make him a difficult politician to buy or intimidate," wrote the influential commentator John Githongo.

Yet the intimidation has already started. Last week, a hundred Masai warriors, lead by a Kanu official, invaded his house while he was in London having his artificial legs adjusted, and insisted that he leave their area. But the stunt backfired. Though the Masai mostly support President Moi, the local Kanu party chairman, a Masai, condemned the invasion. "Leakey is our son," he said.

Horse trading

FOR the first time ever, the Labour Party is to hold a race-meeting. It will take place on the eve of the party conference on October 1, at Brighton racecourse.

All members of the Shadow Cabinet, led by Labour's man of the people John Prescott and its top tipster Robin Cook, are expected to attend the Sunday meeting. Details of the day's fun will be announced at a press conference.

All six races have found sponsors, including the Tote itself. "Our race is going to be called the Lady in Red, since all our ladies wear red," says our own Woodrow Wyatt, the Tote's chairman, who, despite his Tory leanings, applauds Labour's plan. "The *chairman* of the Tote may take some political views," he told me. "But the Tote itself is non-political."

True men of the turf were worried that the meeting coincides with the highlight of the French racing season, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. But they can rest assured: Labour plans to beam in the races live from Longchamp.



"Eye of frog and toe of newt, plastic widget ..."

Pastas by

DO NOT STROLL under the windows of the house by the Spanish Steps where John Keats died unless you wish to be hit by a flying dish of spaghetti. A BBC *Omnibus* crew led by Andrew Motion, who is writing a biography, has been filming at the building for a programme to mark the bicentenary of the poet's birth.

For the sake of authenticity, the producer, James Runcie (son of the former Archbishop), ordered spaghetti to be hurled from a window of the house repeatedly. He was trying to recreate an incident in which Keats expressed huge displeasure at the poor quality of food delivered to him by a local *trattoria*.

Kiss and tell

THE former American Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will soon follow in the footsteps of Richard Nixon, Elizabeth Taylor and Malcolm X, by having his life immortalised on celluloid. He is not the slightest bit pleased.

Media entrepreneur Ted Turner is backing a project to make a film about Kissinger, starring Ron Silver in the title role and Beau Bridges as Nixon. It will be based on an unflattering biography by Walter Isaacson. Kissinger persuaded an unsuspecting Silver to allow him to look at the script, and promptly sent a 30-page letter listing his objections. Turner Entertainment is now reportedly considering some revisions.

Crossed line

CONFUSION at the BBC, after it recently switched to a new switchboard. Since the change, all phone calls to BBC Radio's Broadcasting House in central London have been diverted to a new switchboard team at Television Centre in west London.

Baffled callers have been directed to all manner of curious corners of the corporation as a result. "Some on the switchboard don't seem to know anything," says one source. "We've had operators saying they've never heard of the *Today* programme, or John Birt. The poor transport correspondent keeps getting all of the taxi bookings."

A switchboard manger is contrite. "We take around 15,000 calls a day, and it does take time for new members of staff to get used to the system. Training is ongoing."

● *Prince Michael of Kent was eagerly awaited as guest of honour at the Norwich Union RAC Classic Car Run at Silverstone last weekend. An announcement of his arrival preceded his appearance on the grand prix circuit, however, because he ran out of petrol as soon as he got through the gates.*

Cleming up

POLITICS will be off the menu at a luncheon this month to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Clement Attlee's election victory. More than 100 of his descendants are gathering to celebrate, but discussion of the future of socialism will be frowned upon.

Three generations of the family will show up, ranging from nappy-wearers to those in their 70s. The clan is not devoid of political ambitions. Jo Roundell Greene, one of Clem's *granddaughters, has just* been elected Mayor of Beaconsfield as an Independent. But the programme at Roundell Greene's home will be a buffet lunch followed by swimming and croquet.

"We steered clear of inviting politicians of any party — just 111 family and close friends," says Belinda Johnston, another granddaughter. "Not everyone follows Grandpa's socialist ideas."

Cake stand

JANE ASHER, society's Titian-haired cake-designer, has been

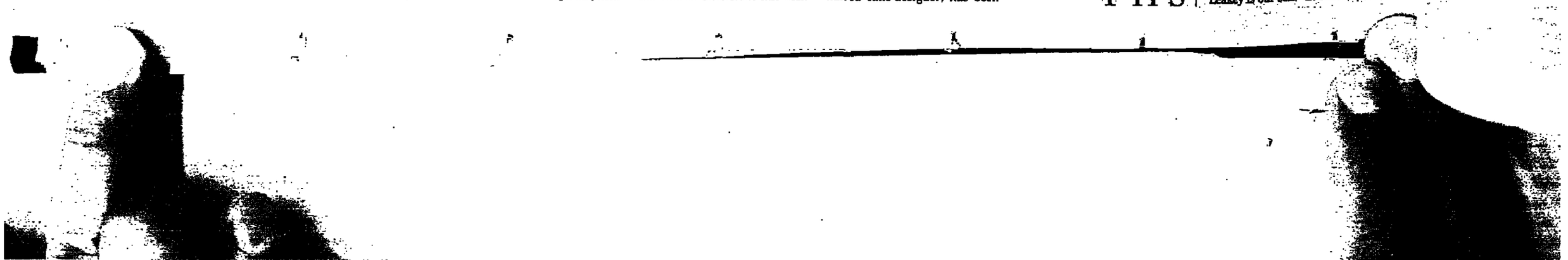


Jane Asher and Gerald Scarfe

spotted taking her work home. Yesterday she presented her husband, the satirical cartoonist Gerald Scarfe, with a lavish cake for his 59th birthday. It was a decorative spoof of the current summer issue of the *Jane Asher Magazine*, which focuses on crafts and cookery.

To judge by the decorative icing, the celebration would have been convivial but far from refined: "I've done a picture of him holding a can of Special Brew lager," she explains. "His favourite."

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COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

Brussels offers disinformation on monetary union

The object of propaganda is not to persuade but to suppress dissent. Constant and exaggerated repetition of official orthodoxy eventually makes any disagreement seem perverse, absurd and, worst of all, "unrealistic". The latest example of the European Commission's willingness to sweep away the truth in pursuit of the greater good of an "ever closer union" of Europe emerged this week as a "green paper" on implementing economic and monetary union.

This 74-page document was supposed to deal with the technical minutiae of the introduction of a single currency, if and when EMU ever takes place. Instead it turned out to be the first salvo in a huge advertising and public relations campaign planned by the Commission (at taxpayers' expense) to make "people fall in love with the new currency", as Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the EU's French Commissioner for Monetary Policy, rather engagingly put it.

M de Silguy's aim is to focus so firmly on the practical details of a single currency that attention is distracted from the vital arguments about the economic conditions under which monetary union might actually occur. By encouraging businesses and financial institutions to invest heavily in the physical preparations for EMU, the Commission hopes to establish a "critical mass" of support — and to brand as Luddites all who point to the unsound foundations underlying the whole project.

In this vein, the green paper dismisses as out of touch with reality the main argument against monetary union — the permanent loss of economic sovereignty by countries which supposedly want to remain sovereign states. In a black-is-white passage which will presumably be typical of M de Silguy's imminent propaganda offensive, his paper baldly asserts: "With capital moving freely between interdependent economies, an autonomous monetary policy is no longer a credible policy option." The certainty of this assertion seemed in no way disturbed by the fact that Britain, Italy, Sweden and Spain — not to mention Switzerland and other countries which have never even flirted with the idea of EMU — are even now following autonomous monetary policies. They will probably continue to do so even if Germany and France decide to merge their economies in 1999.

The green paper's calls for "strict adherence" to the economic convergence criteria agreed at Maastricht have a similar air of dogmatic unreality. Strict enforcement of convergence criteria is logically impossible if absolute priority is given to launching the monetary union by the target date of 1999.

For Belgium and Holland, two highly-indebted countries that are certain to take part in any move to EMU, it is inconceivable that the convergence criteria will be "strictly" satisfied by the deadline for making a decision in June, 1998. France, too, will be unable to satisfy the most important convergence criterion of all — that of keeping its currency within the "normal fluctuation bands" of the ERM for at least two years — since these bands were effectively abolished after the franc crisis of 1993.

The Commission's clear hope, however, is that repeating the mantra about "strict adherence" to the economic criteria for joining EMU will act as a substitute for satisfying these conditions. The German parliament will have the last word on EMU in 1998, but it may not dare to repudiate a Commission judgment that the convergence criteria have been satisfied even when they clearly have not. Experience shows that if people in authority say "black is white" often enough and loudly enough, such statements are sometimes accepted as established facts. But to base a great political project on the unthinking acceptance of propaganda invariably leads to disaster.

NO, NO, NO AGAIN

The EU must be freed from its Spanish net

Few can have expected that the ill-tempered fishing truce between Canada and the European Union would close the issue. Yesterday the captain of a Cornish fishing vessel, *The Golden Bells II*, alleged that a Spanish trawler had deliberately destroyed his nets on the seabed 100 miles off Land's End. This mid-sea fracas in British waters has once again placed fish back on the European political menu.

The incident coincided with the resumption yesterday of talks between the EU and Morocco over a new fisheries agreement. The disagreement between the two sides is so pronounced that the negotiations are now in their fourth, tense round. At stake are the rights to exploit the waters off the Moroccan coast, some of the best-stocked fishing grounds in the world. As with the dispute over Greenland halibut in the Grand Banks, Spain is here the prime mover of EU policy.

It is a dreary fact that the common fisheries policy is now almost entirely driven by Spain — the country whose oversized fishing industry, commanding one third of the bloated EU fleet, makes the policy unworkable. Of the 700 boats which fished in Moroccan waters before the expiry of the old agreement, some 95 per cent were Spanish. The agreement with Rabat is the EU's most important fishing treaty. It cost £80.3 million per annum over the last three years. Yet its benefits appear to be confined to Madrid.

Several questions arise from this, and the answer to each one must be no. Should the common fisheries policy, which costs an estimated £700 million annually, persist on a course which ensures that many more boats are kept afloat than can be sustained by the dwindling resources to which they have access? Should Britain continue to support a policy which appears designed to secure ever-wider access for the Spanish fleet to fishing rights in non-EU waters, and for which the British taxpayer is a major paymaster? Should the EU pursue a line of negotiation with Morocco which aims to squeeze from its poorer North African neighbour a deal which serves Madrid's interests better than it serves those of Rabat?

The Moroccan case is emblematic of the way in which the common fisheries policy is organised and it is difficult not to sympathise with the Moroccans. Rabat is right to seek changes as the old agreement no longer serves its interests adequately. Each of the new Moroccan demands is unimpeachable: cuts of up to 50 per cent in the exploitation of certain over-fished species; a reduction by half of the EU fleet which would fish in its waters, and a higher fee for fishing rights than is at present paid.

Rabat would also like EU vessels to unload their catch at Moroccan ports in order to stimulate the local fisheries industry, and to employ more Moroccans as crew. An agreement which met most of these demands would not only be equitable in itself, it would also be a practical expression of the EU's new-found concern with political and economic stability in the Maghreb.

Whatever the outcome of the negotiations with Morocco, Britain must now insist that the whole question of fisheries subsidies, and the relative size of fleets, be reopened for urgent reform. The common fisheries policy is a recipe for conflict and waste. That is well understood in Cornwall: it is high time for it to be appreciated in Brussels.

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THE STRAIN NOW STANDING

Let private operators put cars back on the railway

The Edinburgh court case alleging that British Rail acted illegally in its proposed withdrawal of the Fort William sleeper has lessons for officials preparing the overall privatisation programme. It serves notice that sleight-of-hand and the attempt to "tidy up" awkward services before they are offered for franchising will be resisted at every stage. The rail-using public is now thoroughly alarmed at proposed cuts in service, frequency and standards, and is determined to use the small print of the 1993 Railways Act to prevent the regulator and the BR Board from sweetening franchise offers at the expense of a public service.

The initial victory in preventing the closure of the Fort William sleeper service last month camouflaged a much more serious closure that went ahead: the loss of all Motorail services. The last trains bringing cars from the capital to Scotland drew into Glasgow and Edinburgh last weekend. A 40-year experiment to wean the public from overcrowded roads, boost the night use of rail and offer holidaymakers a smooth start to their stay in Scotland or Cornwall has ended in failure.

The closure of Motorail is all the more galling in that it comes just when the opening of the Channel Tunnel and changing market conditions might have brought commercial reward. BR, which lost interest in the service years ago, argued that the scheme was never viable. Britain, it maintained, was too small and the market too restricted. Once there were 22 routes linking Scotland and England, London and Penzance, the North East and the South West. By 1994 the truncated service was carrying only 30,000 cars a year: more cars than that cross into Scotland every day.

The regulator was unwilling to include Motorail and Anglo-Scottish sleepers in the Passenger Service Requirement because, he argued, it cost £6 million a year to subsidise — a large part of the total available Scottish subsidy, which could be better spent on unprofitable rural lines and commuter routes. Given the tight Treasury limits on what services will qualify for subsidy, this is a powerful argument.

What stands out in this closure is the lack of imagination of all involved. Aggressive marketing years ago could have saved the service: one has only to look across the Channel to see how French railways are promoting their motorail services. But the people who run BR never liked something that was too far from its core business: indeed, the deliberate rundown of Motorail mirrors the unenthusiastic marketing of all sleeper services, which are in danger of going the same way.

One of the hopes of privatisation is that imaginative enterprise can capitalise on the overcrowding of the roads and worries about pollution to revive Motorail. BR's history of dog-in-the manger refusal to leave infrastructure intact for others is not encouraging. But the regulator and franchise director must guarantee that a fair hearing is given to any proposal to start again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sid's shares, Cedric's perks, and how the City voted

From Mr Mike Williams

Sir, As one of the many shareholders at yesterday's annual general meeting of British Gas I strongly support the conclusion of your leading article today ("Sid turns up the heat") that boards of privatised utilities must be made to realise that they are accountable, but accountable to whom?

I was persuaded, though a non-believer in such privatisation, to buy some shares in British Gas by the then Government's proclaimed intention that British Gas would still be publicly owned because ownership of it would transfer from the corporate state to members of the public as individuals.

Perhaps the Government genuinely believed that individuals would keep their shares and thus realise this intention. In practice of course many share purchasers sold off their allocation shortly after privatisation in order to make a quick profit, so ownership has effectively transferred to the financial institutions. This was clearly illustrated at the AGM.

It does not help me as a shareholder to know that the only accountability that matters to the board is to these City institutions.

I hope Tony Blair and his colleagues will see the challenge in all this for the Labour Party (and also in relation to other public utility privatisations). Though it has abandoned the commitment to full-scale public ownership, an undertaking by the Labour Party to retrieve to public ownership that part of the present ownership of the public utilities which is in the hands of City institutions as opposed to individuals would, I believe, be immensely popular.

I suspect that it would even be popular with Cedric Brown, as someone who came up through the ranks of the fully public company and who looked so uncomfortable yesterday.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. WILLIAMS,
60 Rounton Road, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hampshire.
June 1.

From Mr David Marwood

Sir, I hold 150 shares in British Gas and attended part of yesterday's AGM. Events there, and your leading article today, saddened me greatly.

We have in British Gas one of our largest private-sector businesses, with huge scope for profitable growth overseas. A careful reading of its annual report illustrates the company's prospects for real success and the management skills being applied to achieve those prospects.

And yet, at yesterday's AGM and in your leader today, virtually all British Gas achievements so far and its opportunities for future progress were ignored. Private shareholders (but not this one) and *The Times* appear mesmerised by the pay packages of British Gas directors, especially Cedric Brown.

This is mean minded. British Gas is undergoing great structural change. From my standpoint, the executive directors deserve every penny they earn in overcoming immense challenges for the benefit of shareholders, customers, staff and the community.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MARWOOD,
36 The Ridgeway, Tonbridge, Kent.
June 1.

From Mr I. J. Dunn

Sir, Many congratulations to the art director responsible for staging yesterday's British Gas AGM at the London Arena.

The whole affair was of course an entirely cosmetic event, since all voting decisions were already in the pocket of the chairman through the block proxy votes from the City institutions.

What remained was pure theatre: Little England shaking its fist at corporate greed only to discover that in the real world minorities, however vociferous, have no say.

That is why the raised dais that accommodated the 14 middle-aged male British Gas directors so perfectly captured the essence of the meeting: a show-trial whose defendants already knew they had been acquitted by their pals.

Yours sincerely,
I. J. DUNN,
11 St Augustine's Avenue,
South Croydon, Surrey.
June 1.

From Mr Simon Edwards

Sir, I agree with the suggestion in your leading article that the financial institutions have been shortsighted in saving the bacon of Cedric Brown and the board of British Gas. Yesterday's meeting was an ideal opportunity to reverse the adverse publicity the company has received, quite justifiably, over recent months. By all accounts the board did nothing to counter the impression of greed and arrogance, thus further diminishing their stocks of public goodwill.

Their monopoly of gas supply is coming to an end. As a commercial user of gas I have already agreed to convert to an alternative supplier. As a domestic consumer I shall do the same next year. I suspect that many others will similarly "vote with their feet".

What price British Gas shares then? Will the financial institutions have truly protected the interests of their investors? I think not.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON EDWARDS,
1 Isabella Place, 79 Church Road, Combe Down, Bath, Avon.
June 1.

From Mr Paul Caswell

Sir, What is the moral difference between the block votes of the unions' bosses in the Labour Party and the block votes of the institutions' bosses in companies? Answer: the unions are in process of reform.

Yours etc,
PAUL CASWELL,
57 Hanson Drive, Fowey, Cornwall.

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Bright future for history day by day

From Mr Gerald Isaaman

Sir, You report today, in very positive terms, the BBC's new epic project to tell the history of the British Isles in 210 episodes over the period of a year on Radio 4. It all sounds magnificent, apart from being "the most ambitious factual radio series ever to be contemplated".

Indeed, this brave idea is most welcome, given the paucity of history teaching and the fact that, as the 50th anniversary of VE-Day showed, so few young people know much about the material facts of World War Two.

Surely here is an opportunity, one hopefully still not to be missed, for a BBC series like this to be integrated into the national curriculum in a comprehensive way, for current and future use. In tape form, it could do wonders for our schools.

Certainly it ought not to be lost as a one-off event, but used constructively to create an acceptable foundation for the teaching and the understanding of our true history and heritage.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD ISAAMAN,
Garrick Club,
15 Garrick Street, WC2.
May 30.

From Mr James Bourlet

Sir, *This Sceptr'd Isle* promises to be exciting, educational and a major contribution to our national understanding of ourselves.

No wonder Michael Green, controller of Radio 4, is "hoping that the series will become an unmissable part of the schedule".

But ... Oh dear! It will not be broadcast on Radio 4FM but only on LW198, or on MW720 in London and in those few other areas which can pick up medium wave.

It will not be at a time when most people can listen but only at 10.15 to 10.30 in the morning. And, contrary to your report, no repeats are scheduled.

What sort of censorship is this?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BOURLET,
26 West Square, SE11.
May 31.

TV and youth crime

From Mrs Mary Pettifor

Sir, I was amazed to find no mention of the influence of television in your report (May 30) on the explosive rise in youth crime.

It says: "Recorded crime (most committed by young people) increased tenfold in Britain between 1950 and 1993.

"Almost all developed countries have seen substantial increases in psychosocial disorders among youth since the Second World War."

In 1948, when television was just beginning to become popular, there were 250,000 television sets in the world. Today there are 750 million.

Could there be a link? I think so.

Yours sincerely,
MARY PETTIFOR,
St James's Buildings,
Oxford Street, Manchester 1.

On the margin

From Mr G. H. Champion

Sir, On Sunday, May 28, our 10am Communion service was conducted by an ordained woman, the sermon was preached by a woman about to be ordained, and she also read the second lesson, the first having been read by a woman. The intercessions were led by a woman.

At St Mary's, Marlborough, men are marginalised and we do not object.

Yours sincerely,
G. H. CHAMPION,
26 Town Mill,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
June 1.

Urban perspective

From the Rural Dean of Almondbury

Sir, If the new Bishop of St Albans, at present Archdeacon of Dorking and author of 13 published books, can be described as a "country clergyman ... plucked from obscurity" (report, May 24), where does that leave the rest of us?

Yours sincerely,
MARK THOMAS,
The Rectory, 2 Westgate,
Almondbury,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

May holidays

From General Sir John Hackett

Sir, I am uncertain of the current arrangements for public holidays in May, and their justification. We used to celebrate Whitsun. Now a greater emphasis is placed on another holiday (in a month which already seems to have too many) which is thought to be a celebration for workers.

I doubt the validity of this so-called workers' holiday and wonder whether we could revert to concentrating our attention on Whitsun.

If we could get rid of the recent addition to the calendar, and thus do a little to tidy up the month of May, we should be removing one of the remaining vestiges of Michael Foot tomfoolery.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. HACKETT,
Coberley Mill,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

UK and Europe

From Mr Derek Prag

Sir, Your leader, "Back from Brussels" (May 26), indicated to me that the Government is preparing its ground well for next year's inter-governmental conference (IGC) of the EU's member states. The United Kingdom will get nothing of what we want without the intensive ground preparation that is going on in the national capitals, and the part we are playing in it.

The method you suggest — tell everyone what we want and then leave the matter "to the diplomats later to win what they can" — could only bring us public humiliation and a lashing of the Government by the media for not having got everything we wanted.

The media have in recent years shown no understanding of the give and take necessary in the EU, or indeed in any negotiations between nation states.

As for your first paragraph on "the federalist ideal", and the hope of some member states of giving it "a further boost" in the IGC, surely it is time we stopped attacking this word of many meanings, "federal", without bothering to define it. In the EU, the federal method has meant no more than voluntary delegation of strictly defined (ie, limited) "competences" to a joint authority. In this authority, it is the Council of Ministers that takes the policy decisions.

As far as the IGC is concerned, all involved, including the Commission, have made it clear that there is no question of giving further competences to the Commission. Indeed, Jacques Santer has said quite clearly it does not want any more.

The main purpose of the IGC is to make the EU work more effectively. That is the question which we should be addressing, and it was that subject that the Commission's Secretary-General, David Williamson, addressed in his interview with your newspaper (May 27). Whether or not we agree with his remedies, at least he addressed the right problem.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK PRAG
(Chairman, London Europe Society),
47 New Road, Digswell,
Welwyn, Hertfordshire.
May 27.

Across the globe

From Mr Tim Butchard

Sir, Your leader (May 29) about the reconstructed Globe Theatre on Bankside raises valid questions about its role in a city already replete with houses staging Shakespeare's plays.

I hope the Globe Trust will not take historicity to extremes: time-capsuled Hamlets and Macbeths might pall after a while, and the great playwright would surely have embraced modern stage technology with enthusiasm.

When looking for a niche other than as a museum piece the trust might consider building on what it already does well: looking outwards, as well as backwards, through international exchange. Shakespeare has never been held in such high regard around the world as he is today. Festivals of his work are commonplace on every continent, and requests from overseas for British touring productions are incessant.

Let the theatre which was so radical and innovative in the Bard's day become so again, but now as an international centre of education and performance, staging the highest-quality foreign, as well as home-grown, productions on the smaller scale.

It is already well named for this task.

Yours sincerely,
TIM BUTCHARD
(Head of Drama & Dance Department),
The British Council,
11 Portland Place, W1.
May 31.

Angels' tots

From Mr Roger Seal

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford (report, May 24) was right to point out the medicinal properties of brandy, and the help it gave during a mid-air emergency operation, but his reference to the use of brandy to preserve Nelson's body owes more to historical embellishment than fact.

Sailors on board have always been unjustly accused of imbibing half the contents of the barrel of brandy used to pickle the Admiral's corpse. It is more likely and palatable that this disappearance was caused by nothing more sinister than a naturally occurring phenomenon: evaporation.

The great French Cognac producers know all about this. They call the loss *la part des anges* — the angels' share.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER SEAL,
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Tingewick, Buckingham.

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Role for the Paras

From Mr Howard Norman

Sir, I believe that Mr Pettigrew's suggestion for a new role for the Paras (letter, May 30) has merit.

What is vital, in my view, is that the Paras should continue to have an important role in the British Army. The role of parachuting may be in military decline, but I doubt that it can be wholly excluded as an option for getting a unit, big or small, to a strategic location in the shortest possible time, where the use of troop-carrying helicopters may be inappropriate.

In any event the tough training they go through gives the Paras a special bond, similar to that experienced by other units who undergo parachute training, such as the SAS and the Royal Marines.

It is this bond which contributes to their tremendous fighting spirit, and no doubt played an important part in this country's success, for example in the Falklands conflict.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD NORMAN
(formerly of 10 Para),
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75016 Paris.
May 30.

V & A's strengths

From Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Victoria & Albert Museum

Sir, Joanna Pitman's report of her interview with Dr Alan Borg, the director-elect of the V & A (May 26), does less than justice to the achievements of the museum in recent years under the direction of Elizabeth Esteve-Coll and indeed before that.

During that time the V & A has become increasingly "visitor-friendly" inside and outside. The fabric of the building can no longer be said to be crumbling. We have in hand, as in any large and elderly building, a continuing programme of maintenance and renovation. We are working our way through a programme of major gallery refurbishment: eight new galleries completed since 1990, of which the glass, ironwork and silver galleries are only the most recent examples.

We have a vigorous programme of exhibitions, both larger and smaller: Pugin last year, William Morris next year, and many smaller exhibitions all the time, which include contemporary exhibitions like "Streetstyle" as well as more traditional types of exhibition, even though some of the contemporary ones may not please our more elitist friends.

The Wellington Museum (managed by the V&A) at Apsley House will reopen in a fortnight's time, after an extensive programme of restoration and refurbishment, and I believe that it will offer an exciting experience for all its visitors.

Visitor numbers are not the be-all and end-all, but it must in fairness be recognised that attendances have risen steadily over the last five years. Last year we had over 1½ million visitors in South Kensington. We are now back at about the levels of ten years ago, and working to increase the numbers still further.

Dr Borg will inherit from Mrs Esteve-Coll a museum which is (as he himself says) "in rather good shape", with a staff in good heart, proud of what has been achieved, and working very hard in support of the plans for continuing improvement.

There is plenty still to do, building on what has already been done, and trustees and staff alike are looking forward to doing it under Dr Borg's direction.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ARMSTRONG,
Chairman, Board of Trustees,
Victoria and Albert Museum,
Cromwell Road,
South Kensington, SW7.
May 30.

Last-minute doubt

From Mr W. H. Phillips

Sir, I am a lapsed Conservative and am 84 years of age. Our cat Sylvia, aged 17, has just had an "op" costing me £66.48, including VAT of £9.90. I now have VAT on oil and am wondering if there is the same on coffins.

I am dying to find out.

Always yours sincerely,
W. H. PHILLIPS,
Bank Farm, Meadle,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
May 29.

COURT CIRCULAR

H M YACHT BRITANNIA
June 1: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh disembarked from *HMY Britannia* this morning at Solva Harbour and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed (Sir David Mansel Lewis) and the Rt Hon John Redwood MP (Secretary of State for Wales).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Pebbles, St David's, and were received by Major Kemmis Buckley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed) and the Mayor of St David's (Councillor James Richards).

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh walked to St David's Cathedral and were received by the Bishop (the Right Reverend Ivor Rees) and the Dean (the Very Reverend Wyn Evans).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a Service in the Cathedral, during which The Queen was graciously pleasd to address the Mayor and presented him with the Letters Patent granting City Status to St David's.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended a Luncheon in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace and subsequently viewed an exhibition forming part of Cadw's "Makers of Wales" campaign.

Her Majesty later visited the Royal Welch Fusiliers Families Centre, Haverfordwest, was received by the Honorary Colonel (Major General the Reverend Morgan Llewellyn) and met families of soldiers stationed in Bosnia.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards opened the Trade Fair, Pembroke Dock, and was received by the *Chairman*, Welsh Development Agency (Mr David Rowe-Beddoe), the Mayor of Pembroke Dock Town Council (Mrs Pamela George) and the Mayor of Pembroke Town Council (Councillor Mrs Anne Hay-Watkins).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception on board *HMY Britannia* at Milford Haven.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited St David's Comprehensive School.

His Royal Highness later viewed the newly restored Martello Tower at Pembroke Dock.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 1: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

June 1: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Logistic Corps, this morning received Major General David Burden upon relinquishing his appointment as Director General and Major General Martin White upon assuming the appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, national Association of Victim Support Schemes, later attended a meeting of the Advisory Board at Church House, Westminster, London SW1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of the Special Forces Club, received members at Clarence House today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 1: The Prince of Wales was received by the Lord Mayor of Dublin (Mr John Gormley) at the Mansion House this morning.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited St Andrew's Resource Centre, Pearse Street.

The Prince of Wales later opened the new offices of the British Tourist Authority, College Green, Dublin.

His Royal Highness subsequently visited the Library, Trinity College.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended a *Luncheon* given by *The* President of the Republic of Ireland at Aras An Uachtarain, Phoenix Park.

His Royal Highness later visited Newgrange Megalithic Tomb, Newgrange, County Meath, accompanied by the Taoiseach (Mr John Bruton).

The Prince of Wales later visited Butterstream Gardens, Trim, County Meath.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Mr Allan Percival and Miss Sandra Henney were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 1: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, *The Light Dragoons*, this morning received Colonel Robert ffrench Blake upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel and Brigadier Charles Wells upon assuming the appointment.

June 1: The Princess Margaret, *Countess of Snowden today visited* the Suffolk Agricultural Show at the Suffolk Showground, Ipswich.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Suffolk (The Lord Belstead).

The Lady Elizabeth Cavendish was in attendance.

June 1: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the Homoeopathic Outpatients and Academic Unit at the Bristol Homoeopathic Hospital, Cotham Hill, Cotham, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's *Lord-Lieutenant* for Avon (Sir John Wills Bt).

Afterwards His Royal Highness, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, opened the new St John Ambulance Divisional Headquarters, Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil, and was received on arrival by Mr David Tudway Quilter (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset).

In the afternoon His Royal Highness, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, opened the new St John Ambulance County Headquarters and Training Centre at 7-9 Marlborough Business Park, Exeter, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Devon (Lieutenant-Colonel the Earl of Morley).

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 1: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the British School in The Netherlands, Boerferij Rosenburgh, Rosenburgherlaan, Voorschoten.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended the opening of the Windsor Castle Sandby Drawing Exhibition, the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 1: Princess Alexandra this afternoon attended a Garden Party given by the Kent and East Sussex Region of the National Trust at Scotney Castle, Lamberhurst, Kent and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (the Lord Kingsdown, KG).

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Today is the 42nd anniversary of The Queen's Coronation.

King Constantine of The Hellenes celebrates his 55th birthday today.

Sir Richard Bonallack, former president, Freight Bonallack, 91; Lord Boyd-Carpenter, 87; Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, 75; Miss Heather Couper, astronomer, 46; Mr Handel Davies, aeronautical engineer, 83; Mr Mark Elder, former music director, English National Opera, 48; Mr Jonathan Evans, MP, 45; Mr Marvin Hamlisch, composer, 51; the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, 59; Professor Rosalyn Higgins, QC, 58; Dr Sir Donald Irvine, former chairman of council, Royal College of General Practitioners, 60; Sir Kenneth Jupp, former High Court judge, 78; Mr Gay Kindersley, racehorse trainer, 65; Miss Sonia Lawson, artist, 61; the Hon Sir Peter Morrison, former MP, 51; Sir Denis Mountain, former chairman and managing director, Eagle Star Insurance Company, 66; Professor Robin Orr, composer, 86; Canon Dr Anthony Phillips, Headmaster, King's School, Canterbury, 59; Miss Carol Shields, novelist, 60; Sir Christopher Slade, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 68; Mr Johnny Speight, writer, 75; Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman, ISYS, 74; Mr David Sumberg, MP, 54; Mrs Barbara Tate, president, Society of Women Artists, 68; Mr Charlie Watts, Rolling Stones' drummer, 54; Mr David Wheaton, tennis player, 26.



A Cossack surrenders his arms at a disarming area: the 1945 photograph was taken by a British Army sergeant

When peace brought terror to the Cossacks

BY JOHN YOUNG

FIFTY years ago yesterday, on June 1 1945, British troops in southern Austria began the forcible repatriation of some 40,000 Cossacks, or White Russians, who had fought in the Wehrmacht. It was the start of a discreditable episode, which was to haunt the consciences of many of those who took part; the full story was not told until some 30 years later with the publication of Nicholas Bethell's *The Last Secret*, followed by Nikolai Tolstoy's *Victims of Yalta*.

Since the collapse of Germany in early May, desperate efforts had been made by troops and civilians alike to avoid capture by the Russians. The hope was that Britain and the United States could still be persuaded to renounce the Yalta agreement and somehow prevent millions of Germans from falling into Russian hands.

If the Germans had good reason to fear Russian vengeance, the Cossacks knew that they could not expect any mercy from the Soviet authorities. The prospect was of torture and execution as traitors or exile to Siberian labour camps. When they surrendered to the British, they did so in the expectation that they would be allowed to remain in the West. Their innocence was compounded by deliberate deception on the part of their captors: they were persuaded to disarm in the belief that they would be granted asylum. Instead they were herded, pleading and screaming, into trucks and trains by troops ordered to use rifle butts and bayonets and to shoot to kill if necessary. Some resisted and were shot; others committed suicide. Censors ensured a news blackout, while most of the witnesses could not bring themselves to talk about it.

The Cossack soldiers were, however, not alone. Altogether an estimated two million Russian men, women and children, were consigned to the Soviet prison-house.

In mitigation it might be said that there were genuine fears about the fate of large numbers of British servicemen who were being detained by the Russians, effectively as hostages, if the Yalta agreement were not honoured. A more practical concern *was what to do with so many* displaced persons, who after all had been on the wrong side, when the rebuilding of devastated Western Europe presented such enormous problems.

Among British leaders, Churchill and Ernest Bevin, and senior *military* commanders such as Field Marshal Alexander, were said to have expressed their unease. But Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, believed against all the evidence that Stalin was an honourable man, and *his officials maintained*, not for the first time, that agreements must be honoured, however disastrous the likely consequences.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Portishead Police Headquarters at 3.10.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Bristol Dental Hospital at 10.15; and will visit St Mary Redcliffe church at 11.05.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Royal Portbury Dock at 3.00; and as Trustee of the Council, will attend the 1995 St George's House annual lecture in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at 6.15. The Duke of Kent will also attend.

Bart's Medical College

Calling all Bart's Alumni, Bart's Graduates and Friends of Bart's. The Dean of The Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital will host a Grand Midsummer Ball on Saturday, June 24, 1995, in the grounds of the College at Charterhouse Square. Tickets £45 each. For further details telephone 0171 601 8158 or 0171 982 6054.

Parish Clerks' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Parish Clerks' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr J.C.B. Wittich; Upper Warden, the Rev G.L. Blackop; Under Warden, Mr O.W.H. Clark.

Requiem Mass

Sir John Pope-Hennessy
Requiem Mass for Sir John Wyndham Pope-Hennessy, art historian, was celebrated by Father Ignatius Harrison yesterday at Brompton Oratory. Father Michael Napier gave the homily. Father Ronald Creighton-Jobe was robed and in the sanctuary.

Among others present were:
Mr and Mrs David Yorke, Mr and Mrs James Yorke, Mr James Birch, Mrs J Wolfers, *Mrs S Gwyn Jones; the* Countess of Avon, Grace Countess of Dudley, Patricia Countess Jellicoe, the Earl and Countess of Perth, Lady John Cholmondeley, Lady Rothschild, Lady Glenconner, Lady Berkeley, Lady Reigate, Lord Dacre of Glanton, Lady Maryel de Wichfield, the Hon Kensington Davison, the Hon Colette Clark, Sir John Plumb, Lady Rosslter, *Lady Pilcher, Lady Ford, Sir John* Tooley, the Hon Mrs King, Mr and the Hon Mrs David Pryce-Jones, the Knight of Glin and Madam FitzGerald, Count Andrew Ciechanowiecki, Mr Michael Mallon, Mrs Henry I Heinz II, Mrs Anne Wollheim, Mr Bruno Wollheim, Mrs Humphrey Brooke, Mrs Nicholas Johnston, Mrs Philip Pouncey, Mr William Mostyn-Owen, *Miss Allegra Mostyn-Owen, Mr* and Mrs Timothy Llewellyn, Mr James Lees-Milne, Mr John Gross, Mr Burnet Pavitt, Mr James Fenton, Mr Darryl Pinckney, Mr John Kenworthy-Browne, Mr Francis Russell, Mr Martin Royalton Kisch, Mr Jeremy Noble, Mr Richard Kingzett, Mrs Terence Mullaly, Mr and Mrs Michael Prendergast, Mr John Kenyon, Mrs Patricia Wengraf, Mr Julian Stock, Mr Hugh Brigstocke, Mr Anthony Radcliffe, Mr Graeme Williams, QC, Mr Claus von Bulow, Mrs Denys Sutton, Mr Michael Jaffé, Mr Colin Amery, *Mr* Terence Hodgkinson, Mr J A Floyd, Mr John Mallet, Mr Tim Miller, Mr John Saumarez Smith, Mrs Virginia Surtees, Miss Anna Somers Cocks, Mr and Mrs Neil Stratford, Mr Kenneth Partridge, Mrs Michael Wilson, Professor John Steer, Professor J Mordaunt Crook, Mr Norman Rosenthal and Miss Jane Martineau (Royal Academy of Arts), Mr Timothy Stevens, Mr Paul Williamson, Mrs Valerie Mendes, Mr Malcolm Baker and Miss Marian Campbell (Victoria and Albert Museum), Miss Jean Rankin, Mr Neil Stratford and Mrs Stratford, *Mr Anthony Griffiths* and Mr Geoffrey House (British Museum), Mr Neil MacGregor (National Gallery), Mr Timothy Clifford (National Gallery of Scotland) and Mrs Clifford, Mr David Scrase (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge), Mr Everett Fahy (Metropolitan Museum of Art), Professor Nicolai Rubinstein (Warburg Institute) and Mrs Rubinstein, Mr Graham Greene (representing the Museums and Galleries Commission), Miss Holly Eley *(Times Literary Supplement)*, Mr Andrew Porter *(The Observer)*, Miss Caroline Elam *(Burlington Magazine)*, Mr Robert Silvers *(New York Review of Books)*, Mr Marc Jordan (Phaidon Press) and Mr Timothy Wilson (Balliol College, Oxford).

Memorial service

Mr Robert Urquhart
A memorial service for Mr Robert Urquhart, actor, was held yesterday *at St Paul's*, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated. Mrs Jean Urquhart, widow, read the Serenity prayer. Ms Zena Walker read the lesson. Mr George Byatt paid tribute and Miss Alison Urquhart, daughter, read a poem written by her father *after the death of a son.*

Service luncheon

Indian Police (UK) Association
Mr S.E. Robinson presided at the *annual luncheon* of the Indian Police (UK) Association held yesterday at the Royal Over-Seas League, St James's.

School news

Westminster Cathedral Choir School
The annual Concert will be held this year at St John's Smith Square, on Friday, July 7. As usual it will be preceded by the distribution of prizes at 7pm by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

Old Members of the School who would like to attend are asked to apply for tickets by Friday, June 23.

Inside Sotheby's

Free lunchtime and evening talks, 1pm and 6.45pm, by Sotheby's experts every Monday. June 5, "What Makes Art Valuable"; "Anecdotes of House Sales", followed by guided tour. June 12, "A Brief Introduction to Ceramics" by David Battie; "Highlights of French & Continental Furniture Sale". New public viewing until 8pm every Monday during sales season.

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Church in Wales

The Rev John Bernard Jones, Vicar of Treuddyn and Nercwys, to be Rural Dean of Mold in succession to Canon John Berry Thelwell.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.M. Crossley and Miss C.E. Parker-Jervis
The engagement is announced between Harry, elder son of Mr Martin Crossley, of Glenisla, Perthshire and Mrs Eileen Crossley, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Kitty, only daughter of Mr Nicholas Parker-Jervis, of Evesham, Worcestershire and Mrs Elisabeth Parker-Jervis, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Señor C. Gomez Blanco and Miss H.C.P. Purcell
The engagement is announced between Carlos, elder son of Señor Elberto Blanco and Señora Alix Gomez de Blanco, of Bucaramanga, Colombia, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Purcell, of Shaftsbury, Dorset and Pimlico, London.

Mr S.R.J. Jessel and Miss C.J. Williams
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Jessel, of Boughton, Monchelsea, Kent, and Caroline, only daughter of the late Mr David Williams and of Mrs Kay Williams, of Hampton, Middlesex.

Mr A.G.A. Lane and Miss J.M.E. Dunning
The engagement is announced between Gavin, youngest son of Mr Nicholas Lane, of Clenchwarton, King's Lynn, Norfolk and of the late Mrs Tamzen Elwes, of Grimston, Norfolk, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Dunning, of Orton, Penrith, Cumbria.

Dr A.R. Perry and Miss K.S.F. Paine
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Martin Perry, of Cheam, Surrey, *and Katie, younger daughter* of Mr and Mrs Christopher Paine, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.J. Ridgway and Miss F.J. Mules
The engagement is announced between David James, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Ridgway, of Burbage, Leicestershire, and Frances Jane, only daughter of Dr Roger Mules, of Manaton, Devon, and the late Mrs Ruth Mules.

***Mr P.A.D. Thomas* and Miss C. Jewell**
The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Peter Thomas, of Hempstead, Essex, and Chris, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.A. Jewell, of Bexhill, Sussex.

Mr G.D. Turner and Miss C. Parker
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs David Turner, of Nyon, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Parker, of Celigny. The marriage will take place in Gstaad, Switzerland, in September.

Mr C.S.J. Wilkinson and Miss Z.J. Pelly
The engagement is announced between Kester, younger son of the late Surgeon Commander (D) Kit Wilkinson and of Mrs William Minchin, of Midhurst, and Zinnia, elder daughter of Mr William Pelly, of Kingsdown, Wiltshire, and Mrs Roger Young, of Aylton, Herefordshire.

Marriages

Mr R. Hattersley and Miss C.M. Owen
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 27, 1995, at the Parish Church Bingley, West Yorkshire, between Mr Roger Hattersley and Miss Caroline Mary Owen.

A reception was held at Ruddings House, Follifoot, Harrogate.

Captain G.F.C.McL. Power and Ms E. Rawlins
The marriage took place on Wednesday, May 24, 1995, between George McLannahan Power, Esquire, second son of the late Sir John Power, Bt, and Elizabeth Rawlins, daughter of Dr and Mrs Rawlins, of GarnDolbenmaen, Gwynedd.

Mr G.A. Thornton and Miss D. Bishop
The marriage took place on May 27, in Stansted Mountfichet, of Mr Gregory Thornton to Miss Deborah Bishop, *followed by a reception* at Pearce House, Bishop's Stortford.

Mr A.D. Wardall
Miss R.M. Cunningham-Jardine
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 27, at St John's Episcopal Church, Dumfries, between Mr Andrew Wardall and Miss Rachel Cunningham-Jardine. The Right Rev John M. Taylor, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, officiated, assisted by *the Rev David Bayne.*

The bride was attended by Joanna Gordon, Diana Bell-Irving, Emma Wardall, Serena Cunningham-Jardine, Alexander Bell-Irving and Robert Mullins. Mr Michael Felton was best man.

A reception was held at Fourmerkland.

Dinners

Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
Sir Lawrence Verney, The Recorder of London, was the principal guest and speaker at the 75th *Anniversary Banquet* of the Association of Surgeons held at Guildhall last evening. Sir David Innes Williams and Mr Barry Jackson, President of the Association, were the other speakers. Sir Miles Irving was inaugurated as the incoming President.

The Guests included:
Dr Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer; The President of The Royal College of Surgeons of England and Lady Browse; The President of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Lady Shields; The President of The Royal Surgeons in Ireland; The Vice President-Surgery, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow; The President of The American College of Surgeons and Mrs Walt; The President of The American Surgical Association and Mrs Sheldon; The President of The Association of Surgeons of South Africa and Mrs Terblanche; The *President of The Association of* Endoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and Lady McColl; The President of The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland; The President of The Hungarian Association of Surgeons; The President of The French College of General and Digestive Surgery; The Honorary Secretary of The Association of Surgeons of the Netherlands; and the Masters of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, the Worshipful Company of Barbers and the Worshipful Company of Cutlers.

Hong Kong Association
The Dragon Boat Dinner of the Hong Kong Association was held last night at the Hotel Inter-Continental. The Right Hon Douglas Hurd, CBE, MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, proposed the toast to Hong Kong to which Mr Henry Keswick, Chairman of the Association, replied. Lord Wilson of Tillyorn presided and Mrs Anson Chan, Chief Secretary, Hong Kong, spoke on behalf of the guests.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marquis de Sade, writer and revolutionary, Paris, 1740; Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet, Higher Bockhampton, Dorset, 1840; Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, chemist and philanthropist, Nottingham, 1850; Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Musick 1924-34, Broadheath, near Worcester, 1857; Johnny Weissmuller, Olympic swimming champion and actor, Freidorf, Romania, 1904.

DEATHS: Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot, Caprera, 1882; Alfred *Austin, Poet Laureate 1896-1913,* Ashford, Kent, 1913; Victoria Sackville-West, writer, Sissinghurst Castle, Kent, 1962.

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BIRTHS

ALLEN - See Hardy.

BLAND - On 18th May 1995 in Mombasa, Kenya, to Natalie (née Duff-Tytler) and William, a girl, Lorianna.

BOWERMAN - On 9th April at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Gill (née Sneller) and John, a son, Ronnie Marchant, a brother for Max.

CAFFYN - On May 31st 1995, to Sarah (née Wergan) and Simon, a daughter, Annie Rose, a sister for James and Tom.

CHOLMLEY - Anndrei and Hugh Cholmley have very much pleasure and delight in announcing the safe arrival of Henrietta Elisabeth Grace on 28th May 1995 at York District Hospital. Many many thanks to Mr Pring and all the staff at York.

DEHMEI - On Saturday May 27th at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Anne and Eleyes, a daughter, Yasmine Layla, 7lbs 12oz, a sister to Liam and Elias.

FINDLAY - On May 29th 1995 at St Mary's, Paddington, to Venetia (née Pennethorne-Laing) and James, a son, Oliver Angus Ruaridh, a brother for Christopher.

GILBERTSON - On May 16th, to Charlotte (née Wells) and Giles, a daughter, Honor Louise, a sister for Harriet.

GREY - (Swansea), Philip and Laura announce the birth of Thomas John on May 24th.

HARDY - On Tuesday May 30th at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to Debbie and Richard, a son, Henry Brandon, 8lbs 2oz.

HEARN - On 30th May, to Julia (née Parkin) and Paul, a daughter, Georgia Eleanor Josephine.

LAKEMAN - On May 30th in Douglas, Isle of Man, to Sarah and Ray, a son and brother to Jacques, Torin Callan.

LEDGARD - On May 29th, to Sophie (née Atkinson) and Mark, a daughter, Lucy.

LOCKE - To Alison (née Holden), on 18th May 1995, a daughter, Lucy Grace.

RAWE - On May 6th, to Maria and Robert, a daughter, Julia Isabella, a sister for Thomas.

BIRTHS

SANDS - On 27th May at the Wessex Maternity Centre, Southampton, to Caroline (née Dickenson) and Trevor, a daughter, Imogen Mairi.

SIMPSON - On May 25th 20.08 at The Portland Hospital, to Kathleen and Scott, a lovely boy, Scott Victor Jr, a brother for Caitlin.

THOMPSON - On May 25th, to Christine and Robin, a son, Nicholas Hugh Eccles, a brother to Felicity and William.

WARREN - On May 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Isabel Angela (Sim) and Frank, a daughter, Lutra Pamela Isabella.

WOOD - On May 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Hélène and Richard, a daughter, Natasha Hélène.

YOUDE - On 29th May, to Katriina (née Förstl) and Barrie, a daughter, Helena Mary, a sister for Anina.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

WALT:SHEARN - On June 2nd 1935, at High Street Methodist Church, Midsomer Norton, Maurice to Kay. Now at Wyberton, Lincolnshire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

FRANCIS:BUDGE - On 2nd June, 1945, at Christ Church, Naples, Peter, Capt R.A. to Cynthia, 3/O W.R.N.S. Now at Canford Cliffs, BH13 7JE.

DEATHS

ARTHUR - Joan Tremearne (née Pickering) on May 31st, in her 70th year peacefully after a long illness bravely borne. Much loved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, mother-in-law and sister-in-law. Service at St Bridget's, West Kirby, on June 7th 1.45pm. Enquiries to Quinns Funeral Service, (0151) 677-2299.

BEDDINGTON - On May 31st 1995, in his 85th year, Roy, artist, writer and poet. Beloved husband of Diana and much loved father of Sarah and Pippa and Rosa. Funeral private at his request.

DEATHS

BIRCH - Simon. Suddenly at home on Sunday May 28th. Beloved father, grandfather and special friend. Service on Wednesday 7th June, Brantham Church, 3 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses c/o Geo. Paskell, 15 High Street, Manningtree, Colchester, Essex, tel: (01206) 396709. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

BROADBENT - Dee, peacefully on 30th May 1995, at Oakwood Nursing Home, Louth, Lincolnshire. Dee aged 81 years, widow of Roy, beloved mother of Barney, Julie and James and a dear grandmother. Memorial Service to take place at All Saints Church, Holton-cum-Beckering, Lincolnshire, on Tuesday 6th June 1995 at 3.30 pm. No flowers but if so desired donations may be sent to The Kettle Donation Account, Kettle Ltd., 110 Kidgate, Louth, Lincolnshire. The final total will be forwarded to Alzheimer's Disease Society.

CLAYTON - On 27th May 1995, at the Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester, Michael Thomas Emilius Clayton, C.B., O.B.E., much loved husband of the late Mary Margery, father of Amanda, and father-in-law of Peter. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Marshwood, on Wednesday 7th June at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Enquiries to A.J. Wakely & Sons, Funeral Directors, Crewkerne, tel: (01460) 74547.

CLIFFORD - Hilda Doris, on 28th May 1995, suddenly at home at Paignton, aged 81. Much loved mother of Janice and David and dear grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Gerston Chapel, Paignton, 11am Wednesday 7th June.

CREW - Howard John aged 52 on May 26th in Cape Town South Africa. Beloved son of Eva, brother of Hazel and devoted father and friend to Toby and Ivan. Graduate of Leeds Univ., and General Secretary of BUNAC for 25 years and much loved leader in world of intl exchange prog. Service Southbury CT Tuesday June 6th. Donations for exchange programme scholarship c/o BUNAC 16 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0BD.

DEATHS

DORMER - On 27th May 1995, peacefully in her 88th year, The Hon. Rosamund Jane, youngest daughter of the 14th Lord Dormer. Requiem Mass at the Church of St Charles Borromeo, Hampton-on-the-Hill, Warwick, on Monday 5th June at 12 noon. R.I.P. Enquiries to W.G. Rathbone Funeral Directors, tel: (01926) 492229.

DOUGLAS - On May 31st, Sheila Kate, late of Holbrook, Suffolk, peacefully after a long illness at The Pines Nursing Home, West Hill, Putney, aged 83. Devoted wife to the late 'Duggie', mother to Malcolm and Meria and grandmother to Gavin, Bruce, Alex and Tashie. Family funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 11 am on Friday June 9th.

DOWER - Walter Clark on 1st May 1995, suddenly in Salisbury District Hospital. Much loved brother and brother-in-law of John and Marjorie Dower of West Virginia USA. A memorial service took place at Steeple Langford, Wilts. on 10th May.

HARRIS - On May 30th, peacefully at the Hammersmith Hospital, after a brave struggle against dermatomyositis, Giles Roderick aged 32. Beloved eldest son of Tony and Daphne, much loved brother of Jeremy and Simon, adored grandson of Edward and Dorrie Allibone and the late Norman and Josephine Harris. Funeral 2.30 pm Friday June 9th at St Mary's Church, Winkfield. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research c/o E. Sargeant & Son, 61 St Leonards Road, Windsor (01753 866982).

IRVINE - Eleanor of North Shields, late of Richmond, Surrey. Peacefully in hospital after a long illness quietly borne, on June 1st aged 79 years. Dear sister of Wilfred. Service and cremation to be held at Tynemouth Crematorium on Wednesday June 7th at 11am. Friends please meet at the Crematorium.

DEATHS

HILTON - On Tuesday 30th May, 1995, Colonel Sir Peter Hilton KCVO, MC**, KStJ, LLD, JP, Royal Horse Artillery, who retired as Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire on 30th June, 1994, on his 75th birthday, died peacefully at home, Alton Manor, Idridgehay, after enduring, with great courage, a long illness. Beloved husband of Winifred, devoted and respected father of Andrew and adored grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Derby Cathedral on Friday 9th June, 1995, at 2.30 pm, followed by private burial at Idridgehay Parish Church. Flowers to Thomas Greatorex and Sons Ltd., Matlock Green, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3BU. A Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Wirksworth, will be held at a later date.

LEICESTER - Constance Margaret (Connie), née Kennedy, peacefully at home on Sunday, May 28th 1995. Loving wife of the late Peter Leicester. Funeral at Bepton Church, Bepton, near Midhurst, West Sussex, on Thursday, June 8th at 2.30pm. Flowers to L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst. No letters by request.

LOCK - On May 30th, peacefully after a long illness, W. Dennis of Enfield, dearly beloved husband of the late Molly, much loved father of Philip and Margaret, loving grandpa of seven grandchildren. Funeral at Oakwood Baptist Church, Merrivale, Southgate, N14, on Thursday June 8th at 11.30am, followed by cremation at New Southgate Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Crusaders or the North London Hospice.

McGUARRIE - On May 29th 1995 peacefully at Edgware General Hospital after a short illness, Duncan aged 87, beloved husband of Helen G. Laird, father of Jeanette and grandfather of Michelle and Nicole. Cremation will take place at Hendon Crematorium on Monday 5th June at 2 pm. All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Flowers and enquiries to H. Phillips, 530 Watford Way, Mill Hill, London NW7 4RS, (0181) 959-4392.

DEATHS

NORMAN - On June 1st 1995, at Antibes, Antony Charles Wynyard Norman, OBE, aged 83 years. For 58 years beloved husband of Anne. Private funeral in Switzerland. No letters please.

PARROTT - On May 31st 1995, peacefully at home after a year of brave acceptance of her declining health, Olive (née Pratt), aged 66 years. Dearly loved and loving wife of Ian, mother of Marc, mother-in-law of Mary, grandmother of Rhiannon, Marcus and Nicholas. Funeral service and Service of Thanksgiving at the West Chapel, Cambridge City Crematorium (Huntingdon Road A14), at 11.30 am on Friday June 9th. Family flowers only please but, if desired, donations to The District Nursing Trust Fund, c/o Dennis Easton Funeral Service, Broad Leas, St Ives, Cambs. (01480 463019).

SHERRARD - Philip. Peacefully at St Thomas' Hospital London, Tuesday 30th May. Burial on Saturday at his home in Katounia, Evia, Greece.

STEPAN - On May 27th peacefully in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after a short illness borne with dignity. Gertie, beloved wife of Slava, much loved mother and mother-in-law of Michael and Pandi, and adored granny of Lucy and Polly. A great lady whom no-one will forget. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium 3pm Wednesday 7th June. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Fund.

STONE - Colin on 31st May 1995. Suddenly after a short illness, aged 56. Devoted and loving friend of Timothy Tufnell and brother of Neil. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels, Sunninghill at 12 noon on Tuesday June 6th. No flowers please, but donations may be made if desired to The Forces Help Society, 122 Brompton Road, London SW3 or Cruseid, 21A Upper Tachbrook Street, London SW1.

DEATHS

SYMES - David, suddenly on 26th May in Mexico, aged 38. Much loved and loving partner of Debbie Alliit, beloved son of Oliver and the late Judith Symes, and darling brother of Susie. Funeral at Altrincham Crematorium, Dunham Massey, 3 pm Thursday 8th June. Dress normal. Definitely no flowers please but donations if desired for The David Symes Memorial Fund may be sent to Messrs Ashton Brookes Funeral Directors, Churchside, Church Street, Altrincham, WA14 4DB, to whom all funeral enquiries should be made, tel: (0161) 928-7816.

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES FOLEY

Charles Foley, former foreign editor of the *Daily Express* and founder-editor of *The Times of Cyprus*, died on May 30 aged 86. He was born on November 29, 1908.



CHARLES FOLEY was one of the principal players during the golden years of the Fleet Street foreign correspondent — before television ruined the game for the popular newspapers. As foreign editor of the *Daily Express* he controlled 19 staff journalists based abroad, some 300 stringers all over the world and a host of eager young reporters who came into the London office each morning with their passports at the ready and in the hope that they would finish the day in some trouble spot abroad.

Foley had two great advantages. He inherited or recruited some of Fleet Street's most famous journalists and Lord Beaverbrook, his proprietor, penny-pinching to the point of meanness in many matters, was prepared to indulge his foreign service as long as it stayed ahead of its rivals. Foley, his apparent shyness concealing innate self-confidence, ensured that it did.

Express reporters had to be first on the scene and the last to leave. When normal travel services were inadequate, then planes could be chartered; special trains would be hired and on one occasion a camel was bought (or so the expenses claim said).

Foley maintained Beaverbrook's confidence to the end. When he left to begin a new and controversial career as founder of *The Times of Cyprus* he left with the proprietor's good wishes and, more important, a promise of the *Express*'s syndication service at special rates. Most left Beaverbrook's service in less favourable circumstances.

Foley, trained as a sub-editor, had a long-standing interest in foreign affairs. He had covered the Spanish Civil War as a reporter. He was also lucky in being appointed foreign editor in 1940 when the formerly isolationist *Daily Express* was forced to look outwards.

Under Foley the paper produced some of the best war reporting. Alan Moorehead's dispatches can still be read with pleasure and admiration. O'Dowd Gallagher and Selkirk Panton — the *Express* had a weakness for memorable bylines — sent reports which were as colourful as they were courageous. Wilfred Burchett, later a well-known communist journalist, was first into Hiroshima after the atom-bombing and wrote the definitive eyewitness account of the devastation. Foley led an equally gifted team after the war, giving James Cameron his first big chance on a national newspaper. Sefton Delmer, the paper's specialist on Germany, with his contacts inside the intelligence and diplomatic communities, was one of the best- informed journalists of the era. René MacColl, not such a gifted writer as some of his colleagues, was unequalled for the zest and opportunism with which he outwitted his rivals.

Satellite communications were all in the future. For Foley's men — and women — it was a matter of dictating over crackling and frequently interrupted telephone lines or bribing clerks at cable offices to put their copy at the top of the pile. Foley masterminded the operations with charm and panache.

Then, in 1955, he suddenly left Fleet Street. He had seen a gap in the newspaper market in Cyprus. British expatriates were served only by the *Cyprus Mail*, not in the van of modern journalism. Foley founded his own paper, used world news from the *Express* and *Observer* syndication services and used as much Fleet Street flair as was desirable.

But another factor brought Foley to Cyprus; his father, a Royal Engineer from Kerry, built bridges in what is now Pakistan, where Foley was born. As an Irishman, Foley believed fervently in the rights of a small people to self-determination. Britain had declared through a Colonial Office junior minister that Cyprus could never expect to be independent. Foley disagreed and his paper echoed his beliefs.

He became on close terms with Archbishop Makarios, who wanted enosis, or full union with Greece. Foley's journalism was less than popular with the authorities as Makarios was exiled to the Seychelles and British lives were lost increasingly to terrorists. There were mutterings of treason and an unsuccessful attempt to charge him with subversion. His relations with the British community were not helped by his great coup when he was the first to interview Colonal George Grivas, who had led the anti-British forces, when he emerged from hiding.

In the end independence came on roughly the terms Foley had always wanted. He accompanied Makarios to the United Nations in 1958 after the Archbishop had accepted independence without enosis. But independence meant the eventual end of *The Times of Cyprus*. Foley's cause had been won but his paper's circulation declined as the British, who had liked Foley's journalism though not his politics, started leaving for home.

Foley always denied that he had received enosis funds to begin his paper. He maintained that the start-up money had all been provided by his small capital. Few who knew Foley personally ever doubted his word. What was obvious, however, was that Greek Cypriot advertising provided a substantial amount of the paper's revenue and there is reason to believe that he had received valuable assurances about this before he began his enterprise.

After his paper closed Foley lived in various countries including Greece, Italy, Spain, the United States and France. He wrote several books including *Island in Revolt* and *The Struggle for Cyprus* dealing with his own experiences. His *Commando Extraordinary* was an acclaimed biography of Otto Skorzeny, the SS officer sent by Hitler to rescue Mussolini after the capitulation of Italy. He also wrote for a number of magazines and newspapers, notably *The Observer*.

His wife, Dorothy, died in 1982. He is survived by his daughter and two sons.

DANY ROBIN

Dany Robin, French actress, died after a fire at her home in Paris on May 25 aged 68. She was born near Paris on April 14, 1927.



DANY ROBIN was arguably the most beautiful *ingénue* of the postwar generation. As a child she had dreamt of becoming a cowboy. Instead, showing early talent as a dancer, she enrolled at the Paris Conservatoire where she won first prize in 1943. "For a long time I wanted to die a virgin and a dance teacher." she later joked. She joined the Opéra but found the strict atmosphere too stifling and returned to the Conservatoire to take acting lessons. After making her first film, *Lunegarde* with Marc Allégret in 1944, she again walked away with the Conservatoire's highest award — this time for acting.

Her career took off and she was chosen for leading roles by the best directors of her generation. In 1946 she starred both in Marcel Carné's *Portes de la Nuit* and in René Clair's *Le Silence est d'Or*. She partnered Louis Jouvet in Henri Decoin's *Les Amoureux sont Seuls au Monde* of 1947 and again in 1951 in *Une Histoire d'Amour* by Guy Lefranc. In the same year she brought a sad intensity to her role in Jean Anouilh's *Deux sous les Violettes*. Three years later she was the beautiful bohemian who seduces François Périer in André Hunebelle's *Cadet Rousselle* and the following year she played Désirée Clary in Sacha Guitry's *Napoléon*. In the 1960s she appeared in many of the popular films composed of sketches (*La Française et l'Amour* and *Les Amours Célèbres*).

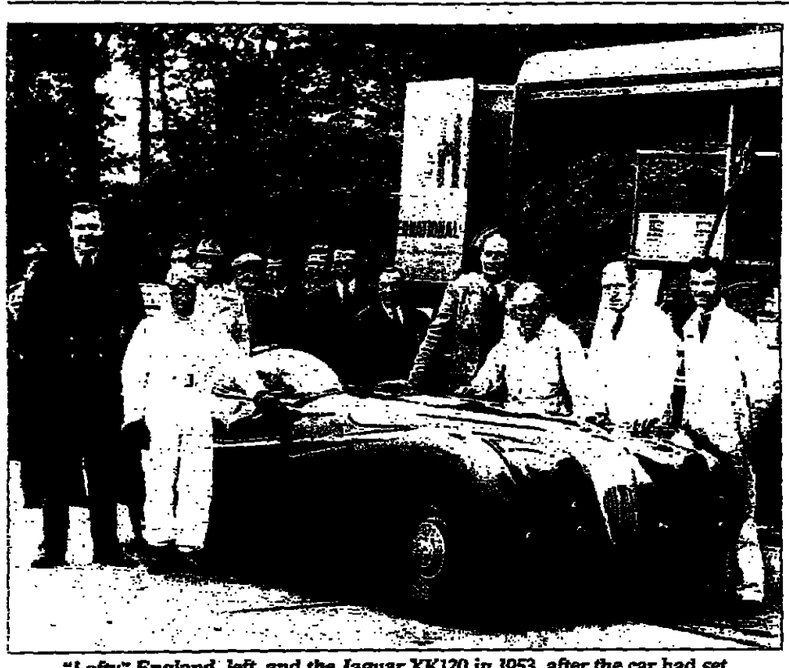
Dany Robin married the actor Georges Marchal in 1950, six years after the famous playboy declared his love for her on the day Paris was liberated. After 22 years of marriage the couple divorced and she married Mike Sullivan, the Irish film producer, in 1969. That year she left for Hollywood to star in Hitchcock's *Topaz*, a spy thriller in which she appeared alongside Frederick Stafford, John Forsythe, John Vernon, Roscoe Lee Browne and Michel Piccoli.

The great director kept her for three months instead of the three weeks he had promised and her new husband asked her to give up her career to devote herself to the marriage. Dany Robin agreed. She had made 74 films, sometimes working on five films a year, and had starred in 35 plays. The couple lived occasionally in London but spent most of their time in Marbella and Palma where Dany Robin shared her husband's love of golf, painting and travelling.

The fire in which she died — and in which her husband suffered 90 per cent burns which led also to his death — took place in a Paris pied-à-terre which they were renting.

Last July, after a 25-year absence, Dany Robin once again took to the stage in Jean Anouilh's *Le Bal de Voleurs*. On the night she died, she had come to Paris to rest before travelling to Cuba to star in a television film.

Dany Robin is survived by her two children from her marriage to Georges Marchal.



"Lofty" England, left, and the Jaguar XK120 in 1953, after the car had set a production car record of 172mph on public roads at Jabbeke, Belgium

F. R. W. 'LOFTY' ENGLAND

F. R. W. "Lofty" England, Jaguar racing team manager in the 1950s and chairman of Jaguar, 1972-74, died on May 30 aged 83. He was born in East Finchley on August 24, 1911.

A MAN of immense stature in all senses, "Lofty" England masterminded the great successes of the Jaguar racing team at Le Mans in the 1950s. The car's five victories in the Grand Prix d'Endurance between 1951 and 1957 established Jaguar worldwide and arguably contributed more to the success of the company than any other single factor. During his distinguished working life, England influenced the careers of drivers such as Stirling Moss, Mike Hawthorn and Jackie Stewart.

Frank Raymond Wilton England moved with his parents to Edgware at the age of 14 after beginning his education in Bristol where he had been sent to avoid the Zeppelin raids on London. In 1925 Edgware was a hive of motor industry activity. England would ride his Douglas motorcycle to watch the Bentley chassis being tested and this, together with visits to Brooklands and the Isle of Man, fired his enthusiasm for motor sport.

Between 1927 and 1932 he did an apprenticeship at Daimler's London depot at Hendon. During that time he was sent to rebuild the engine of one of the royal Daimlers in the garden at Clarence House to avoid the embarrassment of having the car towed through the streets. He also competed in the first RAC Rally, finishing second overall.

With his apprenticeship completed, he joined a new company founded by the renowned racing motorist Sir Henry "Tim" Birkin and M. C. Couper to prepare Bentleys for competition: but the company failed and in 1934 England joined the wealthy American Whitney Straight as a racing mechanic. He then had spells with ERA, Alvis, Dick Seaman and the White Mouse Garage. This last was the team run by Prince Chula of Siam for his racing driver nephew Prince Bira, for whom "Lofty" was chief mechanic. In 1935 England drove a Cotton to second place in the Manx Grand Prix.

After a further spell with Alvis, in 1941 he was accepted as an RAF pilot and sent to Texas to complete his flying training. He was seconded to the USAAF as an instructor before returning to the UK to fly Lancasters.

After the war, and following a brief spell at Alvis, England joined Jaguar as service manager. When Jaguar launched the brilliant 3.4 litre XK120 sports car in 1948, no one would believe the claimed performance, an astonishing 120mph for a production model. Luckily, the British Racing Drivers Club organised a new production car race at Silverstone in 1949 and, under England's guiding influence, Jaguars finished an easy first and second. An exploratory entry of three private XK120s at Le Mans in 1950 showed what Jaguar might achieve with their standard mechanical components allied to a lighter chassis and more aerodynamic body. Thus was the competition C-type born, with England, in the manner of those days, putting in his own time in the evenings and at weekends to develop the car.

In this way and under his cool management from the pits the Jaguar's debut was a triumphant success, proving of enormous benefit to the Jaguar company and British prestige. A further victory in Coronation year was even more comprehensive. Another three victories were taken at the famous French circuit with the legendary D-types.

In 1961 England was made assistant managing director of Jaguar and in 1966 promoted to deputy managing director. In 1968 he was appointed joint managing director of a group which now included Daimler, Guy, Coventry Climax and Meadows. When, in 1972, Sir William Lyons, Jaguar's founder, retired the man he had been grooming for the post succeeded him as chairman and chief executive. It was a difficult period for the British motor industry but England, together with Bob Knight, continued to champion the Jaguar cause against the suicidal centralist tactics of the British Leyland management. In 1974 he retired and adopted an unofficial role as roving worldwide ambassador for Jaguar.

"Lofty" England was a fine leader of men who won respect and admiration for his knowledge. Many Jaguar enthusiasts will feel an era has ended with his death.

His first marriage was dissolved. He leaves his second wife, Doris, and one daughter by his first marriage.

TOM BODEN

Tom Boden, OBE, farmer and deputy president of the National Farmers' Union, 1980-82, died on May 23 aged 79. He was born at Denstone Hall, Denstone, Staffordshire, on October 23, 1915.

TOM BODEN was a familiar figure in the corridors of agricultural politics. He served on the National Farmers' Union council for 39 years — a record unlikely to be beaten — and on many headquarters committees. For several years he was chairman of the milk and dairy produce and the economics and taxation committees.

He campaigned tenaciously for the industry to provide opportunities for young farmers to be able to get into farming on their own account. He pursued this objective by chairing the European Union's advisory committee on structures.

In 1954 he drafted a scheme for the supply management of milk — which became known as the Boden Plan — 20 years before the European Community adopted milk quotas to control production. He went on to serve on the Milk Quota Tribunal.

Born at Denstone Hall, which was part of the Snelson estate, Thomas Bennion Boden nearly died when he was less than a year old. He had what appeared to be a throat infection but a specialist summoned from Manchester prescribed an operation. The operation took place in August 1916 and a piece of eggshell, the size of an old threepenny bit, was extracted. Boden always proudly kept the receipted bill for £75.

During the Depression of the 1930s, which badly affected farming, he obtained a place at Nottingham University, having shone at Alleyne's Grammar School, Uttoxeter. He hoped to become a teacher. But when his father died suddenly in 1936 he felt obliged to return to work on the farm.

In 1939 he married Dorothy Ball, the daughter of a local Prestwood farmer, and they shortly afterwards took the tenancy of a farm a few miles from Denstone, milking 28 cows by hand. In 1947 he also took over Denstone Hall, a dairy farm, which had been in the family for 150 years. There was also a flock of sheep and a poultry enterprise. For more than 40 years he was chairman of Staffordshire Egg Producers.

One of the worst periods in farming that he encountered was the foot-and-mouth epidemic in the late 1960s. Christmas Day 1967 saw the first outbreak at Denstone: in all some 150 animals had to be put down.

His involvement with National Farmers' Union affairs took him into the complex business of agricultural politics throughout the world. the first rung having been his election as vice-chairman of the Uttoxeter local branch in 1949 and then his election as chairman the following year.

His diligence and loyalty saw him elected in 1978 as vice-president of the NFU and in 1980 as deputy president for two years.

Boden was appointed OBE in 1978. He was a member of the choir at All Saints Church, Denstone, for more than 70 years — from the age of four, he said in his autobiography — and a churchwarden as well as a keen campanologist. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1955.

His devotion to the NFU and the industry he loved was recognised in November when Staffordshire NFU and the County Agricultural Society named their new conference room "The Boden Room".

Tom Boden is survived by his wife Dorothy and their son David, with whom he farmed in partnership, and two daughters.

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Were any such clearance attempted in England, I leave you to conceive the excitement which it would be certain to create—the mob processions, the effigy burnings, and the window smashings . . . These poor Highlanders, however, apart from their naturally mild and passive nature, have been so broken in spirit by many such scenes, that not a murmur, nor a remonstrance, escaped them in the completion of this most heartless wholesale ejectment.

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June 2, 1845

On May 14 this year more than 250 people attended a service in Croick church in the Scottish Highlands to commemorate the occasion 150 years ago when 92 people were evicted from their homes to make way for sheep. John Thadeus Delane, Editor of The Times, *hearing of the Highland Clearances, sent a "Commissioner" to inquire into the evictions. Today, we print excerpts from one of his reports.*

I drove over on Sunday to the parish church of Croick, which is near Glen Calvie. Close by a bridge leading to the glen the whole of these poor people and the inhabitants of one or two neighbouring straths, were assembled to hear one of their elders read the Psalms to them. They numbered about 250 persons. They were all seated in the Gaelic fashion, on the hill side, in a circle, facing the officiating elder, the women all neatly dressed in net caps and wearing scarlet or plaid shawls; the men wearing their blue bonnets, and having their shepherd's plaids wrapped round them. This was their only covering . . and this was the Free Church . . .

I drove on, and went to the Established Church. There were but 10 persons beside the minister in the church. Behind the church, in the churchyard, a long kind of booth was erected, the roof formed of tarpawling stretched over poles, the sides closed with horse cloths, rugs, blankets and plaids. This was the refuge of the Glen Calvie people. They had kept their word and saved their bondsman . .

The *Times*'s "Commissioner", having described the wretched plight of the dispossessed people, goes on to tell how he made a note of the condition of the refugees, how of the 90 who spent the night in the churchyard 23 were children under 10, seven of the group were sickly, 10 were about 60 years old, there were eight young married men and the rest were persons "in middle life". The following day, the young men walked to Ardgay to receive payment for their stock. Each family had on average about £15, and "as their distributive share of £72 10s agreed to be given to them to emigrate on going out peaceably". To go out, however, the people were compelled under any circumstances."

The "Commissioner" ends his report saying that he was told that the dispossessed wished to bid him goodbye, acknowledging the great efforts made by *The Times* on behalf of the poor and friendless. "They crowded round me and held out their hard, labour-worn hands . . Their Gaelic I could not understand, but their eyes beamed with gratitude."

NEWS

Major attacks 'house price spiral'

■ The Prime Minister sparked an outcry yesterday when he blamed the "crazy, almost unstoppable" house price spiral of the 1980s for the absence of a feelgood factor now.

John Major told Lincoln businessmen that the "white collar" recession arose after people took on much bigger mortgages than they should have done and then ended up with negative equity. Opposition parties pointed out that he had been a Treasury minister during the housing boom.....Page 1

Youth raped two 12-year-old girls

■ Police were hunting yesterday for a hooded youth who raped two 12-year-old girls as they walked home from a picnic in the countryside. The youth, wearing a balaclava with eye-slits, threatened to kill the girls as they pushed their bicycles home from a country park in Oldham .....Page 1

Share option ban

A day after 4,500 Sids vented their anger at British Gas's annual meeting over its executives' lavish perks and pay, Boots the chemist has scrapped executive share options, the focus of the public's anger over corporate fat cats.....Pages 1, 19, 25, 26, 27

Royal comforter

The Queen heard for herself the worries and fears of the families of the soldiers from The Royal Welch Fusiliers being held by the Serbs..... Pages 1, 14, 15

Maxwell vote

The House of Commons is to vote next week on whether to release parliamentary papers relating to the Maxwell trial.....Pages 1, 5

Leader defiant

John Major is expected to defy demands from Tory MPs for a radical shakeup of the Government this summer .....Page 2

Prince welcomed

Thousands of Dubliners took to the streets to offer the Prince of Wales a heartfelt welcome, marred only by an isolated egg-throwing incident .....Page 5

Superman vigil

The British former girlfriend of the paralysed Superman actor Christopher Reeve and a dozen members of his family, including his divorced parents and his wife, have gathered at his hospital bedside.....Page 3

Tuna war 'looms'

Fishermen appealed for extra Royal Navy patrols as fears rose of a renewed tuna war with Spain. Michael Jack, the Fisheries Minister, promised "full protection".....Pages 8, 19

School powers

Schools should be given the power to weed out incompetent teachers at the end of their first year in the profession, a head teachers' leader said.....Page 7

Mother's battle

A juvenile crime crackdown in Oregon is criticised by a mother ordered to attend "parenting classes". Her son was caught stealing aftershave.....Page 10

NHS hackers

Intimate details of patients' medical care could be sent around the world for anyone to see on a new NHS computer network, doctors' leaders said .....Page 6

Dole on depravity

Robert Dole, in the most blatant pursuit of Republican votes for his presidential bid, has launched an attack on the moral fabric of Hollywood, which he said had shrouded America in nightmares of depravity .....Page 10

Quake survivors

Russian rescue teams pulled out more people, including a three-month-old girl, after four days beneath the rubble of devastated Neftegorsk.....Page 11

Fiji 'settled by happy dwarfs'

■ Fiji was populated by a race of happy, mountain-dwelling dwarfs before the arrival of the Melanesians, generally regarded as the nation's first settlers, according to a Fijian researcher. After 34 years of research, Aminio Qalovaki is claiming that the Negroid tribes, whose adults are sometimes only 4ft 4in tall, "had always lived in Fiji".....Page 10



HUW EVANS

The Queen arrives by royal barge from the *Britannia* at Solva Harbour, Dyfed, yesterday for her visit to West Wales. Page 1

BUSINESS

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Barclays: The Barclays staff union has suspended further industrial action after the bank agreed to a meeting next Monday .....Page 23

Boardrooms: Allied Domecq is to part company with David Jarvis, the head of its wine and spirits business, after a streamlining of the group's management structure. It is expected to get about £500,000 compensation .....Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 31.2 points, to close at 3350.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.3 to 84.8 after a rise from $1.5897 to $1.5912 and from DM2.2455 to DM2.2646....Page 26

SPORT

Cricket: The West Indians defeated Leicestershire by 287 runs, with the fast bowlers, Kenny Benjamin and Ottis Gibson, sharing seven wickets as the county were dismissed for 130.....Page 44

Rugby union: England are optimistic about Dean Richards's availability for the knockout stages of the World Cup, but he may miss the final pool match against Western Samoa.....Page 44

Tennis: Scott Draper, an Australian novice, beat Gilbert Schaller in the second round of the French Open. Schaller had knocked out Pete Sampras.....Page 44

Racing: Celtic Swing was withdrawn from next week's Derby and will race instead in the French Derby at Chantilly.....Page 39

ARTS

Wild about Wilde: Terry Hands's revival of *The Importance of Being Earnest* in Birmingham does far more to reinforce the play's reputation than the much touted Maggie Smith botch-up of two years ago .....Page 33

One more time: The supercult, mock-gothic musical, originally conceived by Richard O'Brien in 1965, is back. *The Rocky Horror Show* returns at last to the West End .....Page 33

Caitlin Moran: "The pop world has gone mad. The Boo Radleys are on *Top of the Pops* and Pulp have a single at No 2".....Page 34

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TOMORROW

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■ PLAY TIME
Win a weekend in London and tickets for the Stella Artois Grass Court Championships

■ REVIEW
Jonathan Meades on fashion, food and a Frenchman in Yorkshire

Campus killer: Sinedu Tadesse sent a photograph of herself to *The Harvard Crimson* student newspaper, along with a letter saying: "There will soon be a very juicy story involving the person in this picture".....Page 16

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Checking hotspots: Soon the man in the street will not have to rely on officials to check radiation, noise, pollution and toxicity levels, writes Nigel Burke.....Page 31

The best course now is for countries that already have ground troops in Bosnia to reinforce their garrisons and to redeploy those in the most vulnerable positions to safer ground. If it should turn out that they still face intolerable risks, the United States remains ready to assist in evacuation

— The New York Times

As a practical matter, closer trade relations with Europe seem unlikely at present. In the recent Uruguay Round of world trade negotiations, most of the most difficult issues lay between Americans and Europeans, particularly the French

— The Washington Post

Preview: Visual humour makes a comeback as a rising comedian gets his own series. *The World of Lee Evans* (Channel 4, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss is fascinated by the swarms of midges which inhabit Lake Victoria.....Page 43

Counterfeit currency

By encouraging businesses and financial institutions to invest heavily in the physical preparations for emu, the Commission hopes to establish a "critical mass" of support — and to brand as Luddites all who point to the unsound foundations of the whole project.....Page 19

No, no, no again

It is a dreary fact that the common fisheries policy is now almost entirely driven by Spain, whose oversized fishing industry makes the policy unworkable .....Page 19

Strain now standing

The rail-using public is now thoroughly alarmed at proposed cuts in services, frequency and standards, and is determined to use the small print of the 1993 Railways Act to prevent the regulator and the BR Board from sweetening franchise offers at the expense of a public service.....Page 19

SAM KILEY

In four years of writing about Africa, I have conducted a poll among the hundreds of taxi drivers I have hired. "Would they like to see their country returned to the days of colonial rule?" They give the same answer every time: "Yes" ..Page 18

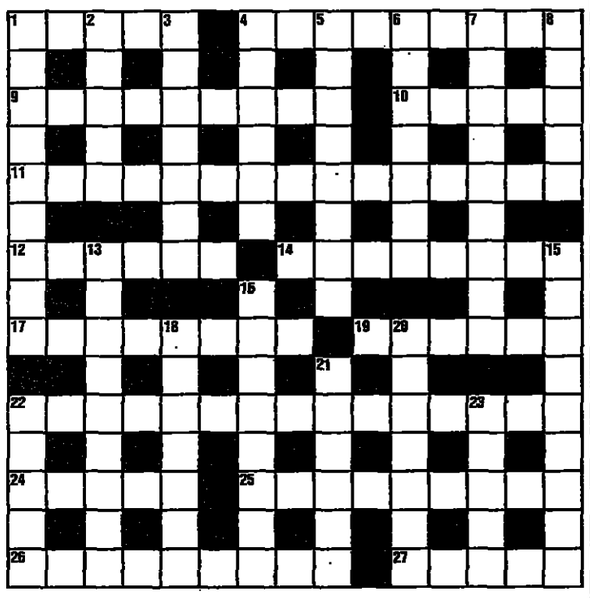
MATTHEW PARRIS

Harold Wilson has a lesson for Tony Blair. In the Commons, with indignation just a shade too righteous and eyes just a mite too wide, Blair appeals to the heavens to be his judge. What, then, when it turns to dust? .....Page 18

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ACROSS

1 Blue river follows a double bend (5)
4 Search for parking, getting behindhand for rail connection (4-5)
9 Being indulgent with minor inaccuracy? (9)
10 Dismisses sound of jazz instrument (5)
11 Measure island lake in reference to apparent anomaly (7,8)
12 Begin to swap components to compensate (6)
14 About to turn in complete work in concert (8)
17 Gentlemen of yore, many in difficulties (8)
19 Rarely rejected fashions worn by student (6)
22 One may have to carefully avoid such a solecism (5,10)
24 Circle with grim reputation (5)
25 Lead China in revolt? An outlandish course! (9)
26 Dislodges part of roof noisily, using any method (9)
27 Rope of onions initially has smell about it (5)

DOWN

1 Best choice of lines for booking? (9)
2 Dim — not switched on (5)
3 There's some fear a cheat will prove a pain (7)
4 Last bit of almost excellent beer? (6)
5 Charming letter-writing (8)
6 A route into unspoilt fields? (7)
7 Chief has single, unadorned masculine name (9)
8 Sectarian finally abandons East German town (5)
13 Rambling part of verse needing to be tightened up? (9)
15 Normally mild, consumed with rage at first (9)
16 Pen lyric designed to be dignified (8)
18 A series of books are being written on the pole star. . .(7)
20 . . .while others take the lid off treasonable activity (7)
21 Fail to hit a line, we hear, making poor stroke (6)
22 Mock food (5)
23 I'm a success — in perfect form (5)

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,870

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Plymouth, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen 0.55in; highest sunshine: Minehead, Somerset, 14.4hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start mainly dry, with showers developing during the day, predominantly in the north. Further south it should be drier and brighter. Cloud will thicken later over southwestern England and Wales. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with scattered showers. The far north will have longer spells of rain. Cloud will thicken bringing rain to Northern Ireland and southwest Scotland.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands:** mostly dry and bright. Wind northwest becoming southwest. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands:** cloudy with scattered, mainly light showers. Wind northwest becoming southwest light to moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales:** cloudy but mainly dry. Cloud thickening later. Wind northwest becoming southwest light to moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** cloudy with scattered showers. Cloud thickening later with patchy rain. Wind northwest becoming southwest light to moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Wind northwest becoming southwest moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain spreading eastwards on Saturday. Brighter, showery weather following for Sunday.

☐ **Pollen count:** Scotland L; Northern England L; Northern Ireland L; Midlands M; East Anglia M; Wales L; South East M; South West L; London L. *H=high, L=low M=moderate.*

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

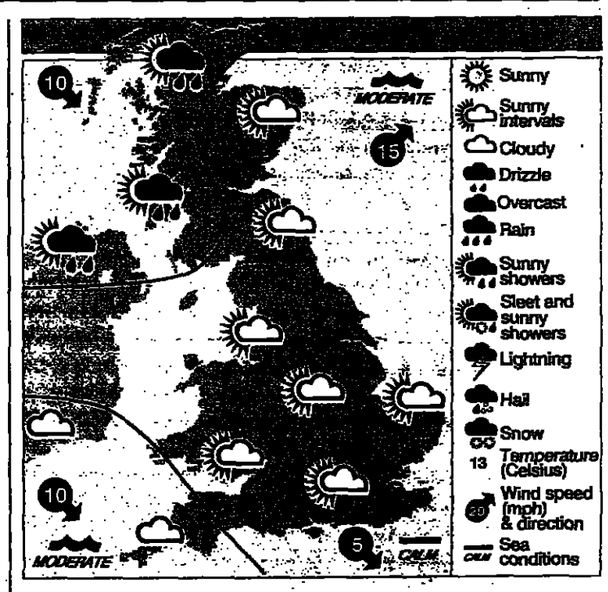
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X				
Anglesey	X				
Aspatria	3.9	-	14	57	c
Aviemore	X				
Belfast	0.8	0.01	14	57	sh
Birmingham	8.6	-	17	63	s
Bognor R	9.4	0.04	21	70	s
Bournem'th	5.7	-	20	68	s
Bristol	10.5	0.24	18	64	s
Buxton	9.2	-	14	57	s
Cardiff	13.7	-	17	63	s
Clacton	6.1	-	17	63	s
Cleethorpes	9.5	-	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	3.3	-	14	57	c
Cromer	12.9	-	15	59	s
Doncaster	11.5	-	18	64	s
Dunbar	0.8	0.09	15	59	sh
Eastbourne	9.1	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	4.1	-	17	63	c
Eskdalemuir	X				
Exmouth	8.7	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	X				
Fishguard	2.8	0.04	12	54	c
Folkestone	8.8	-	19	66	s
Glasgow	X				
Guernsey	10.7	-	17	63	s
Hastings	8.8	-	19	66	s
Hayling I.	7.4	0.09	20	68	s
Heme Bay	10.4	-	19	66	s
Hove	8.0	0.06	19	66	b
Hunstanton	10.4	-	19	66	s
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	3.0	-	15	59	c
Jersey	9.3	-	18	64	s
Kinloss	X				
Leeds	X				
Lerwick	2.0	-	10	50	fg
Leuchars	X				
Littlehmptn	9.0	-	21	70	s
Liverpool	X				
London	5.6	0.05	19	66	s
Lowestoft	6.2	-	18	64	s
Manchester	7.1	-	16	61	b
Margate	11.5	-	18	64	s
Minehead	14.4	-	16	61	s
Morecambe	4.3	-	14	57	c
Newcastle	X				
Newquay	7.9	-	14	57	c
Norwich	6.0	0.13	18	64	s
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	7.7	0.09	18	64	b
Penzance	9.7	-	17	63	s
Plymouth	11.9	0.01	21	70	s
Poole	5.4	-	20	68	s
Prestatyn	X	-	14	57	b
Ross-o-wye	7.1	-	17	63	s
Ryde	9.8	0.07	21	70	s
Salcombe	7.5	-	17	63	s
Sandown	7.0	-	19	66	s
Saunton Snd	4.9	-	15	59	b
Scarboro'	5.9	-	14	57	c
Shanklin	8.2	-	18	64	s
Shrewsbury	0.8	0.02	17	63	sh
Skegness	8.0	-	15	59	s
Southend	10.2	0.22	18	64	du
Southport	10.0	-	15	59	s
Southsea	7.8	0.11	20	68	s
Stornoway	X				
Swanage	4.5	-	19	66	s
Teignmouth	10.6	0.04	17	63	c
Tenby	7.0	-	16	61	b
Tiree	X				
Torquay	10.2	-	18	64	s
Ventnor	9.0	0.03	19	66	s
Weymouth	9.1	-	17	63	s

These are Tuesday's figures

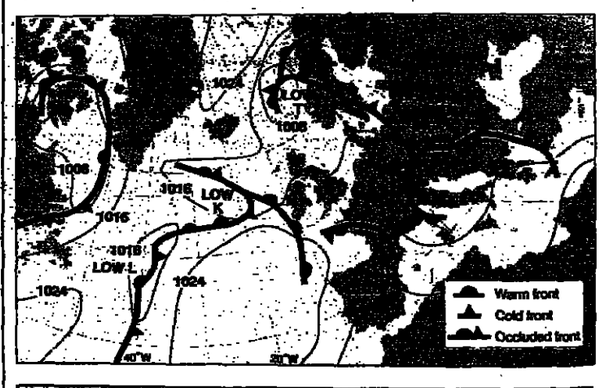
ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	26	79	f	Majorca	24	75	s	Rome	16	61	r
Alicante	24	75	s	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	22	72	s	Salzburg	17	63	c
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	-	--		Malta	24	75	s	S Fr'isco	16	61	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Faro	26	79	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c	Santiago	21	70	c
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Florence	21	70	f	Mexico C	-	--		S Paulo	21	70	c
Athens	28	82	s	Frankfurt	14	57	c	Miami	31	88	s	Seoul	28	82	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Funchal	24	75	s	Milan	17	63	c	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	13	55	r	Montreal	-	--		St'kholm	24	75	s
Barbados	-	--		Gibraltar	23	73	s	Moscow	25	77	c	Strasb'rg	14	57	c
Barcelona	20	68	s	Helsinki	23	73	s	Munich	13	55	r	Sydney	17	63	c
Beirut	25	77	f	Hong K	31	88	c	Nairobi	25	77	f	Tangier	27	81	s
Belgrade	27	81	s	Innsbruck	14	57	r	Naples	20	68	f	Tel Aviv	26	79	f
Berlin	17	63	c	Istanbul	23	73	s	N Delhi	42	108	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	37	99	s	N York	29	84	s	Tokyo	24	75	c
Biarritz	17	63	f	Jo'burg	-	--		Nice	19	66	s	Toronto	26	79	s
Bordeaux	19	66	f	Karachi	36	97	s	Oslo	19	66	f	Tunis	22	72	c
Brussels	16	61	f	L Palmas	27	81	s	Paris	18	64	f	Valencia	24	75	s
Budapest	25	77	f	Le Touqt	16	61	f	Peking	19	66	c	Vanc'ver	18	64	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	28	82	s	Perth	19	66	f	Venice	19	66	c
Cape Tn	-	--		Locarno	19	66	f	Prague	21	70	f	Vienna	21	70	f
Chicago	29	84	s	L Angels	17	63	c	Reykjavik	8	46	c	Warsaw	27	81	f
Ch'church	12	54	-	Luxembg	16	61	c	Rhodes	25	77	c	Wash'ton	27	81	s
Cologne	18	61	f	Luxor	37	99	s	Rio de J	21	70	f	Wellington	-	--	
C'phagn	15	59	r	Madrid	22	72	s	Riyadh	39	102	s	Zurich	12	54	r

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low K will push east and fill. Low L will spread northeast and deepen. Low T will drift north with little change in pressure.



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Avonmouth	9:19	11.94	9:27	11.99	Lowestoft	11:39	3.35	--	--
Belfast	1:00	3.54	1:22	3.15	Margate	1:53	4.38	2:08	4.49
Cardiff	9:05	11.10	9:14	11.33	Milford Haven	8:21	6.10	8:33	6.17
Devonport	7:54	4.85	8:05	5.04	Newquay	7.12	6.08	7:31	6.15
Dover	0:55	8.17	1:20	8.24	Oban	7:55	3.51	7:58	3.53
Dublin	1:58	3.88	2:09	3.69	Penzance	6:48	4.84	7:08	4.97
Falmouth	7:09	4.48	7:28	4.77	Portland	8:46	1.71	8:55	1.78
Glasgow	2:57	4.87	3:25	4.13	Portsmouth	1:11	4.43	1:40	4.61
Harwich	1:47	3.75	1:56	3.74	Shoreham	0:58	5.69	1:25	5.87
Holyhead	0:14	5.19	0:39	4.95	Southampton	0:42	4.32	1:06	4.61
Hull	6:18	6.90	6:46	6.61	Swansea	6:28	8.46	6:39	8.55
Ilfracombe	6:06	8.13	6:17	8.23	Tees	5:45	4.97	6:15	4.75
King's Lynn	8:21	6.12	8:40	5.95	Wilton-on-Nze	1:38	3.92	1:46	3.98

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Sun rises: 4.49 am
Sun sets: 9.09 pm
Moon sets 11.45 pm
Moon rises 8.34 am
First quarter June 8

London 9.09 pm to 4.48 am
Bristol 9.18 pm to 4.58 am
Edinburgh 8.48 pm to 4.34 am
Manchester 9.26 pm to 4.45 am
Penzance 9.24 pm to 5.16 am

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Consumer pain spreads to factories

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

INTENSE pressure on consumers in home markets has begun to have a damaging knock-on effect on manufacturing industry, the main engine for economic recovery so far, according to the latest report from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

Its report for May shows a sharp drop in the pace of expansion of manufacturing industry and adds to a growing body of evidence that argues against an interest rate rise at next Wednesday's monthly monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England.

The purchasing managers' index dropped to 52.0 in May compared with 55.4 in April, largely because of a weakening in new orders from domestic markets. Exporting remained strong. Although any figure above 50 indicates that manufacturing activity is still expanding, the institute said that the movement in the index signalled a "significant slowdown in the rate of growth of manufacturing activity".

Another sign of the weakening recovery came in the institute's measures of employment. The rate of growth of the employment index slowed significantly compared with the first quarter. Although more than 15 per cent of companies increased employment, this was largely offset by more than 12 per cent of firms who cut jobs.

This evidence coincided with the Nationwide Building Society's report that house prices fell again in May, last week's downward revision to first-quarter gross domestic product growth and news of a fall in investment in the first quarter and weak mortgage lending figures from banks and building societies. The Halifax Building Society is today expected to back up the message from the Nationwide.

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All this, along with a much steadier performance by sterling, is likely to arm the Chancellor with convincing arguments against a rate rise next week. Indeed, the sterling money markets rallied strongly after yesterday's purchasing managers' release as dealers concluded that there will be no rate rise next week. Interest rate futures contracts are not now pricing in a base rate rise as far out as December.

There are, nevertheless, residual worries about inflationary pressures that are likely to be highlighted by the Bank of England next week.

The institute said yesterday that price pressures remain strong and industry is still experiencing supply bottle necks that could threaten higher inflation.

The price index fell to 75.8 from April's record reading of 80.6, but this was the second highest level since the survey began in June 1991. The institute said that import prices continued to be boosted by the weakness of the pound and that higher prices were being reported for a wide variety of goods in short supply including steel, paper, pulp and packaging.

However, the institute noted that even if factory gate prices continue to accelerate this year, the feed-through to higher retail prices is likely to be limited because of the weakness of consumer demand. It noted that retail sales values were growing at the slowest rate since 1981 owing to intense competition and that the housing market remains subdued.

The British report coincided with the latest one from the US National Association of Purchasing Managers, which was much weaker than expected. The index dropped to 46.1 in May compared with 52.0 in April. Analysts had been expecting a figure nearer to 50.0. The US purchasing managers' report echoed the message of the British one, although was more dramatic. New orders plunged and prices dropped, emphasising the fading of the inflation threat.

US economists are now openly speculating that US rates could be cut within the next few months amid accumulating signs that the pace of US growth has dropped sharply in response to successive rises in interest rates since last February.

The key figure today will be the latest non-farm payrolls, of intense interest after a surprise fall in job creation in last month's figures.



ALAN LEWIS

Patrick Haren, chief executive of Northern Ireland Electricity, which yesterday hinted that it may return £80 million to investors in a share buy-back (Report 24, Tempus 26)

Finance chief expelled by the SFA

BY JON ASHWORTH

A SWISS financier who bought a car, records, books, and spent a night in a hotel on company money has been expelled by City regulators. Arthur Reynolds, former senior executive officer at Gottex Financial Products, was asked to resign in December 1993 after the irregularities came to light. He has now been expelled from the register of the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA).

Enquiries by Gottex and the SFA revealed that Mr Reynolds used company money on nine occasions to settle personal expenses, including the repayment of private loans. He bought a car, paid for records and antiquarian books, settled a hotel bill, and paid expenses for another company in which he was involved before the irregularities came to light. False invoices were generated to conceal his wrongdoing. Counterfoils on cheques contained false information.

Mr Reynolds has since repaid the firm, but his "serious disregard for the high standards of financial integrity" expected led to his expulsion by the SFA.

A former takeover specialist with Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, has also been expelled. Lawrence Merren, a former member of the firm's acquisitions research team, was dismissed in July 1994 after it came to light that he had been conducting outside business interests without the firm's consent. The SFA subsequently discovered that a number of County Court judgments for unpaid debts were outstanding against him. He failed to co-operate with SFA investigators.

Christopher Pigden, a former eurobond dealer with Goldman Sachs, the securities house, has been reprimanded, fined £5,000 and required to pay £4,000 towards SFA costs for trying to conceal a trading loss that arose in 1993.

Mr Pigden, who has since joined another firm, was found to have taken deliberate steps to conceal a loss arising from the exercise of an option. He instructed a member of staff to record the loss over a period of time.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3340.6	(+21.2)
Yield	4.13%	
FT-SE A All share	1642.33	(+9.77)
Nikkei	15594.57	(+157.78)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4446.47	(–18.68)*
S&P Composite	531.25	(–2.15)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(6¼%)
Long Bond	112²⁶₃₂*	(112¹⁵₃₂)
Yield	6.63%*	(6.66%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6¹³₁₆%	(6³₁₆%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5945*	(1.5875)
London:		
$	1.5942	(1.5865)
DM	2.2612	(2.2423)
FFr	7.9660	(7.8710)
SFr	1.8672	(1.8507)
Yen	135.40	(134.22)
£ Index	84.8	(84.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4165*	(1.4165)
FFr	4.9795*	(4.9730)
SFr	1.1700*	(1.1670)
Yen	84.87*	(84.57)
$ Index	89.1	(88.7)

Tokyo close Yen 84.9

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug)	$17.50	($17.50)

GOLD

London close	$384.05	($384.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Barclays U-turn leads to ceasefire

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

THE Barclays staff union has suspended further industrial action after the bank made a U-turn by agreeing to a meeting on Monday.

The development came as the union, Unifi, studied a report showing that there was a chance of the strike spreading because of strong support among bank managers for a ballot on industrial action. Barclays was hit on Tuesday by a 24-hour strike of clerical workers. The action forced many branches to close. This was the first national strike in the bank's history.

Unifi officials were yesterday discussing the possibility of another one-day strike, when they learnt of the bank's change of heart.

Previously, Barclays had stated that it would not resume talks with the union. A spokeswoman for the bank emphasised that, although ready to meet union officials, it would not be reopening pay negotiations. In a message to Unifi, the bank said that its intention was to "review the events of the past week."

Unifi is demanding a 5 per cent pay increase, or £600, whichever is greater, for clerical workers. The bank has imposed a 2.75 per cent rise. Executives have received rises of up to 18.5 per cent.

A Barclays spokeswoman rejected union accusations of victimisation, saying that the bank had a no-victimisation agreement with Unifi.

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Dollar resumes slide as shares soar in Europe

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bundesbank decided to leave its key interest rates unchanged yesterday and, on the day after the most aggressive central bank intervention for a year, the dollar began to slide again.

The US currency had initially stood firm in the face of the no change decision from the German central bank. But then the dollar started reacting badly to a weak report from US purchasing managers underlining the deceleration of the US recovery. By the European close, the dollar was trading back down at around Wednesday's closing levels of DM1.4140, having hit highs of DM1.4350 earlier. Wall Street also retrenched after its record on Wednesday.

Despite this, European stock markets surged ahead. In London, the FT-SE 100 ended the day nearly 0.75 per cent higher, up 21.2 points at 3,340.6. In Germany, the Dax index closed 1.5 per cent higher and Paris stocks were also sharply up.

Sterling had a good day, despite the renewed slide in the dollar. Its effective index against a basket of currencies closed at 84.8 from 84.3 late on Wednesday. It appreciated a little against the dollar and ended nearly two pfennigs up on the mark.

The Bundesbank's decision was not entirely unexpected. Analysts said that it would have been highly unusual for the German bank to change interest rates on the day after a major international currency action by central banks because this would compromise its reputation for setting monetary policy for its own domestic goals.

Analysts are still betting that Germany will cut rates, possibly as early as the June 14 meeting of the Bundesbank's policy-making council. This would have the advantage of coming just before the Group of Seven summit in Halifax, Canada, where the dollar's weakness will be on the agenda.

The intervention on Wednesday, led by the US Federal Reserve, was widely interpreted as an attempt by the Clinton Administration to show its will to cope with the weakness of the dollar before the G7 meeting.

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Allied Domecq wine chief loses his role in shake-up

BY GEORGE SIVELL

ALLIED DOMECQ is parting company with David Jarvis, the head of its wine and spirits business, after a streamlining of the group's management structure. It is expected that he will receive a pay-off of about £500,000.

The restructuring of the drinks business takes effect from September and it is envisaged that Mr Jarvis will stay on to help to "manage the process of change". Allied said: "There will be no future role for the post of chief executive of Allied Domecq Spirits and Wine, and Mr Jarvis therefore will leave the group at a time to be agreed."

Allied yesterday emphasised that the parting was "amicable". Mr Jarvis's salary is not disclosed, but, like other main board directors, he is on a three-year contract. These are under review and Allied may well follow the trend towards two-year contracts.

Michael Jackaman, chairman of Allied Domecq, said: "Over the last four years David Jarvis had led our spirits business to its current position as the industry's best performer over an extended period. I take this opportunity to acknowledge his contribution and to thank him for it."

However, Mr Jarvis will be replaced by two directors on Allied Domecq's main board, George McCarthy who runs sales and marketing in the Americas, and David Scotland, who is responsible for Europe.

The restructuring includes merging the group head office in London and the Bristol office that runs wines and spirits.

Warburg goes gently into Swiss night

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY



Sir David: no other choice

THE atmosphere was so congenial it could almost have been a cocktail party as one of Britain's top financial institutions was yesterday consigned to history.

A couple of the guests were funereal, however. They bemoaned the loss and asked, although the death certificate had clearly been prepared, if there had not been anything that might have saved the departed. But the majority easily had the day at a rather sedate extraordinary general meeting and it took just under 15 minutes to send SG Warburg to its buyer.

What was once Britain's premier merchant bank was laid to rest, the victim of a brutal market.

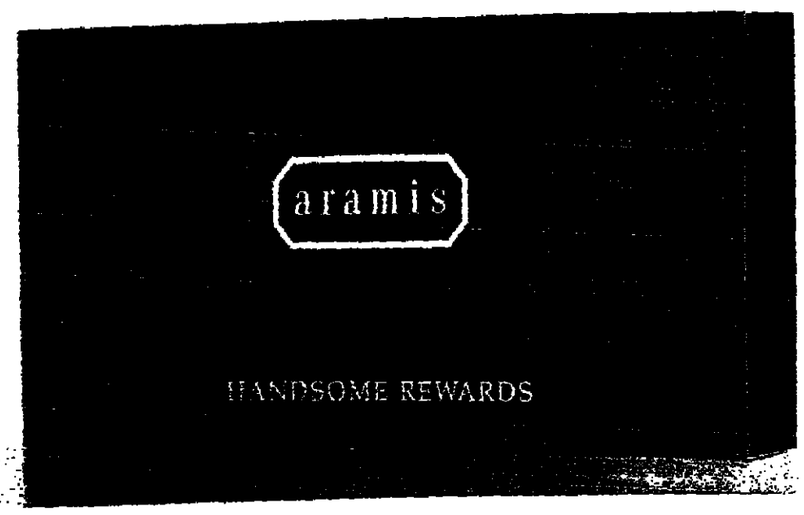
Just 126 shareholders attended the passing of SG Warburg investment banking business to Swiss Bank Corporation for £860 million, although a spokesman for the deceased thought the turnout was good. Only four or five — the number was not recorded — dissented against the motion to sell the business.

Warburg's demise followed a series of profits warnings. It revealed in figures to March 31 this year that investment banking had racked up a loss of £22.2 million. It had been clear for some time it needed radical surgery or a partner with deep pockets. It chose the latter.

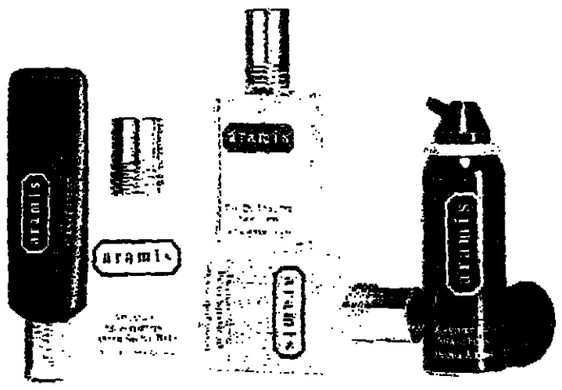
At the meeting, Peter Hardy, a former senior director of Warburg's investment banking who recently retired, lamented the motion for sale. He asked Sir David Scholey, making his last appearance as chairman, whether there had been any alternative to sale and whether he considered a price which, Mr Hardy said, represented a premium of only £60 million to net asset value, reasonable.

Sir David said that there had been no other choice. He said that to restore Warburg to health would have taken such "radical and wrenching surgery" at a time when the market may easily have undone it without a stronger capital base.

SG Warburg was founded in 1946 by Sir Siegmund Warburg. Its countdown now to becoming SBC Warburg is short. The arrangements for making its asset management arm, Mercury Asset Management, fully independent will go to shareholders next month and SBC is expected to make its payment in August.



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Brussels approves Europe gas link

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE European Commission has given clearance for a gas pipeline linking Britain to the Continent. The £400 million joint venture project, led by British Gas, is intended to build an underwater link between British Gas's pipelines and Continental networks.

The pipeline will be able to transport 20 billion cubic metres of gas annually. British Gas, which owns 40 per cent of the project, said that the link will initially be used for exports to the Continent because Britain currently has a surplus of gas. British Gas's entitlement to eight billion cubic metres of capacity on the link is equivalent to 15 per cent of its gas sales in the UK.

Construction is to start in autumn of next year, after conclusion of a treaty between the UK and Belgium, and the pipeline is expected to be completed in 1998. British Gas's partners include Amerada Hess, Conoco and BP, as well as Elf of France, Ruhrgas of Germany, Distrigaz of Belgium and Gazprom of Russia.

Britain's oil and gas output is easing, with production declining 6 per cent from March to April, to about 4 million barrels of oil equivalent per day. However, output in April was still 9 per cent higher than the previous year, according to figures from the Bank of Scotland.

The bank estimates that oil and gas revenues fell only 1 per cent, to £45 million, in spite of the decline, which was mainly because of maintenance work on BP fields, including Magnus and Forties.

☐ Oryx Energy has sold a 15.5 per cent stake in the Alba field in the North Sea for $270 million to Union Texas Petroleum. Oryx said the deal would help its plan to cut debt to to $1.3 billion by the year end. The price equates to about $5.10 a barrel and represents a cash flow multiple of six times, said Oryx, of Dallas.

ROBIN MAYES



Nick Hodges, chief executive, has seen London International Group return to profit, at £15 million, after a £175 million loss

LIG wants to buy its rivals

BY NEIL BENNETT

LONDON International Group, the Durex condom and surgical glove manufacturer, is planning to acquire rival condom producers around the world after announcing a return to profit and paying its first dividend in two years.

Nick Hodges, chief executive, said that LIG now has the financial resources to seek acquisitions after its extensive reorganisation. The group is to look at up to 30 companies around the world with between 1 and 3 per cent of the market, he said.

LIG made pre-tax profit of £15.2 million in the year to March 31, against a loss of £175 million last time, when the group took heavy provisions for reorganisation and the sale of its photo-processing division. There is a 1p dividend. LIG is expected this year to raise at least £16 million from selling its non-core businesses. Tempus, page 26

NIE lifts dividend and hints at share buy-back

BY CARL MORTISHED

INVESTORS in Northern Ireland Electricity were celebrating a bumper payout yesterday with the full year dividend raised by almost 18 per cent to 13.4p and heavy hints that the company may give back over £80 million to its shareholders in a massive share buy-back.

The prospect of more cash to come from the utility, which was left with £82 million in the bank at the year end, will provide further ammunition for critics of electricity privatisations. Last month, the Government was castigated by the Public Accounts Committee for selling Northern Ireland Electricity too cheaply and the City is forecasting ever more generous dividend payments from the company as it takes on borrowings and gives cash back to investors. "There is no reason why it should not raise dividends by 25 per cent," predicted one analyst.

The company warned of increased generating costs as David Jefferies, chairman, announced a rise in pre-tax profits from £73 million to £86 million after a 3 per cent increase in sales. Most of the profits gain came from efficiencies — costs fell by 7 per cent in real terms in the year to March 31 — with manpower numbers falling by 261 during the year and more to come. NIE has provided £10.8 million for voluntary redundancies this year which could equate to another 200 jobs lost.

However, cost are rising, say the company. Gordon Woodworth, finance director predicts that generating costs, which account for 60 per cent of the total cost of power, could rise by 25 per cent over the next four years with a net effect of 5-6 per cent per year due to higher fuel prices and a 50 per cent increase in the duty imposed by the Government on heavy fuel oils. Mr Woodworth said that cost savings would reduce the burden on consumers but tariffs would rise, he said.

Mr Jefferies said that NIE's 3 per cent growth in units sold was pleasing compared with growth of only 1.3 per cent in England and Wales and he expected growth to continue from recent announcements of new inward investment. Greater demand on NIE power is expected from the Republic of Ireland after the reopening of the Interconnector.

The Republic could become a net importer of energy due to its higher growth rate and the development of the Scottish Interconnector could lead to exports of power from Great Britain to the Republic via NIE.

NIE is asking its shareholders for permission to buy back 14.9 per cent of its share capital. The company said that a decision had yet been made and would depend on circumstances at the time. "It is one way you can deliver value to the shareholder," commented Mr Woodworth. He said that the company was not shrinking its balance sheet but would be replacing cash with debt.

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Pillar buys Ulster estate

PILLAR Property Investments is increasing its exposure to Northern Ireland's thriving retail sector with the £7.4 million purchase of Clandeboye Retail Park, in Bangor (Carl Mortished writes).

Pillar, which yesterday announced profits of £3.3 million for its first full year trading as a quoted company, already has interests in the Bloomfield Centre at Bangor and a retail park at Ballymena through its joint venture, PillarCaisse.

Raymond Mould, chairman, said that Clandeboye was bought on a 9 per cent yield and had excellent prospects for rental growth, with average rents of £6.50 per sq ft. "Spending power is high; we see the rent gap between the mainland and the province closing rapidly," he said.

Pillar's portfolio fell in value by nearly 2 per cent in the year to March 31, mainly due to softening bond yields leaving net assets per share at 154p. The year's dividend is 3p. Earnings per share were 3.9p.

Merchant bank to advise Nirex

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NIREX, the state company set up to find a home for Britain's intermediate and low-level nuclear waste, has appointed a merchant bank adviser.

With large elements of Britain's nuclear industry now being prepared for privatisation, Charterhouse Bank is sure to be asked by the Nirex board to report on the prospects for a sale.

Nirex, which hopes to build an underground repository for waste near Sellafield, in Cumbria, is at present jointly owned by Nuclear Electric, Scottish Nuclear, British Nuclear Fuels and the UK Atomic Energy Authority Government Division.

Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, which between them command half the shares, are to be stripped of their oldest Magnox reactors, merged and offered for sale to the private sector in 1996, under government plans.

AEA Technology, the engineering arm of AEA, is already on course for sale this autumn. BNFL is being considered for flotation later. The sale of any of its shareholders will require the formalisation of relationships between Nirex and the other nuclear companies.

Ministers may well decide to keep Nirex in the public sector. Any sale of the company would be highly sensitive politically; at present it is conducting geological studies around its proposed Sellafield site and disposal of nuclear waste provokes protests.

Nirex currently consists largely of a team of project engineers and support staff. But if planning consent were granted, it could become a very substantial business, with a monopoly on intermediate and low-level waste disposal. Howard Hyman, a Charterhouse director, said: "We are very pleased to have won this business."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Eurotunnel fights duty free ruling

EUROTUNNEL, the heavily indebted operator of the Channel Tunnel, yesterday took its battle for equality with the rival ferry companies to the European Commission. The group is lodging a formal complaint with the General Secretariat of the European Commission against a decision by the European Council of Ministers to continue to allow duty free sales for travellers within the community on sea and air routes until June 1999. Eurotunnel said: "This unexpected decision works to the benefit of the operators alone, and not to the benefit of the consumers for whom it is intended.

"The significant profits derived from duty free sales for the ferry companies (direct competitors of Le Shuttle) and for the airports and airlines (competitors of Eurostar) and the numerous abuses in the application of the system, allow the ferries, the airports and the airlines huge freedoms in pricing policies which are detrimental to Eurotunnel's interests." Eurotunnel said the decision was a blatant contradiction of the principle of abolishing fiscal frontiers under the single market.

M&G raises dividend

M&G, Britain's biggest unit trust company, suffered an 11 per cent drop in pre-tax profits in the six months to March 31, from £31.15 million to £27.58 million, in a period of flat stock markets and plunging unit trust sales throughout the industry. But revenue was virtually maintained at £37.15 million as the group continued to attract new business. The dividend is beong raised by 1p to 14p, payable on July 19. This was largely due to the success of the decision in January last year to cut out all initial charges on two unit trusts. "No-load" trusts already account for 50 per cent of total business.

Airline conduct code

BRITISH MIDLAND has launched a code of conduct on the controversial issue of airline code-sharing in a response to criticisms that the practice is anti-competitive. Code-sharing is when one airline puts its own code on a flight operated by another so that passengers can be transferred, sometimes without their knowledge. It offers great benefits to airlines whose fleet would not otherwise be large enough to cover many parts of the world, but has angered passengers and travel agents who claim they or their clients may end up travelling on an airline that they have never heard of.

CSG acquisition spree

THE Corporate Services Group, the contract labour and training specialist, is raising £18 million via a rights issue to fund the acquisition of four contract labour businesses for a total consideration of £15.5 million. Investors are being offered one new share for every two held at 70p each. Existing shares fell 1p to 80p yesterday. Corporate Services is acquiring International Care for £4.6 million and PRN London for up to £5.35 million. The company is also buying Pipco for £4 million and Able for £1.5 million to enlarge the existing technical contract labour operations.

Setback for Lookers

POOR new car sales led to a disappointing second quarter at Lookers and took a toll on first-half profits at the Manchester motor distributor. Closure costs also contributed to a reversal in pre-tax profits to £2.44 million in the six months to March 31, down from £3.09 million last time. Turnover edged up by just over £1 million to £188 million, reflecting a fall in new car retail sales, though used car sales improved. There is an improved dividend of 2.5p (2.4p), payable on September 29, in spite of a drop in earnings to 5.1p (7.8p) a share. Gearing fell to 26 per cent.

Pilkington in Poland

PILKINGTON, the British glassmaker, yesterday opened a $170 million float-glass factory in Poland that is expected to produce 140,000 tonnes of glass a year. Located in the southern city of Sandomierz, Pilkington Sandoglass is Poland's sole producer of float glass for car windscreens and office construction. Pilkington owns 40 per cent of the company after investing more than $25 million and guaranteeing $107 million in loans from international and domestic banks. Two divisions of the World Bank have bought equity and each control 15 per cent stakes.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.15
Austria Sch	16.83	15.33
Belgium Fr	49.22	44.92
Canada $	2.282	2.122
Cyprus Cypf	0.751	0.696
Denmark Kr	9.40	8.60
Finland Mkk	7.46	6.81
France Fr	8.31	7.66
Germany Dm	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	12.91	11.91
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.3022	4.5522
Italy Lira	2715.00	2560.00
Japan Yen	148.00	133.00
Malta	0.600	0.545
Netherlds Gld	2.672	2.442
Norway Kr	10.59	9.79
Portugal Esc	248.00	228.00
S Africa Rd	nil	5.42
Spain Pta	202.00	189.00
Sweden Kr	12.26	11.46
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	refer	65351.0
USA $	1.594	1.554

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Siebe strongly ahead with 26% increase

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE growth drive and global expansion of Siebe, the diversified engineering group, helped push pre-tax profits strongly ahead last year to £275.1 million, a rise of 26.7 per cent.

The company, whose chairman is Barrie Stephens, has all its divisions on a growth target of 10 per cent. Profits for the year ending April 1, 1995 were at the top end of analysts' expectations on increased turnover of 15.2 per cent to £2.146 billion. The final dividend is 8.07p (7.34p), payable on October 2, making 12.1p for the year.

Overall organic growth reached 10.2 per cent and Siebe's stringent productivity programme has also reaped rewards on its margins, which rose from 13.9 per cent to 14.4 per cent. In the important control systems division they reached 16.9 per cent, up from 16.5 per cent.

Mr Allen Yurko, chief executive and managing director, said: "It is an accelerating picture. I am still bullish going into this year despite some less than robust performances in some parts of the US economy."

Siebe has a large presence in the US, recently boosted by the acquisition of LeRoi, a compressor maker, and the purchase of a majority stake in Fabex, a fluid assemblies supplier. Its performance in other markets is proving strong, particularly in the Middle East, up 24.1 per cent to £72 million, and Far East, up 26.8 per cent to £279.9 million.

The order backlog has jumped 20.4 per cent to £642.2 million, an all-time high. Siebe plans to boost production next year.

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Stephens: Good growth

Powell Duffryn tops £36m and plans expansion

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

POWELL DUFFRYN, the industrial group that serves the transport and energy markets, plans to spend up to £50 million in the coming years expanding facilities at its Teesside and Hartlepool ports.

Powell Duffryn spent £98.4 million last December taking full control of Teesside, owner of Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority, and Humberside Holdings, which provides services at ports including Immingham, Hull and Grimsby.

Bill Andrews, chief executive, said the proposed expansion will probably initially involve new berths to increase capacity. He estimates that the total development could be between £30 million and £50 milion over at least three years, though grant support could account for up to 30 per cent of the investment.

The news came as a strong contribution from Teesside and Humberside boosted full year profits and helped Powell Duffryn overcome the adverse effects on its fuel distribution division of a mild winter. Pre-tax profits climbed 10.5 per cent to £36.9 million in the year to March 31, as turnover advanced 8.6 per cent to £791.3 million, bolstered by Teesside and Humberside and a "technical" £40 million boost from duty on fuel.

Profits were dented by a net exceptional charge of £3.2 million, reversing a £2.2 million exceptional gain at the interim stage, largely as a result of a decision to sell the group's loss-making French railwagon operation.

Ports and shipping services led the way as profits jumped to £15.1 million (£9 million), on turnover of £95.8 million (£63.8 million). Storage profits also climbed, to £7.2 million (£6.9 million), but there was a fall in fuel distribution profits to £4.8 million (£7.6 million). Engineering profits continued to recover, edging up to £15.7 million (£15.4 million).

A maintained final dividend of 17p, payable on August 8, lifts the total payout to 24.8p (22.9p), from earnings of 33.7p (30.9p) a share.

Powell Duffryn has also expanded its compressor engineering operations with the acquisition by its Hamworthy Engineering subsidiary of Belliss & Morcom from Rolls-Royce Power Engineering for £14 million. The shares added 6p to 544p.

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to all whom it may concern TAKE NOTICE THAT WE David Turner of 1 Village Close Belsize Lane NW3, Alan Sefton of 40 Harmood House Street NW1 and Cheryl Neale of 9 Dunnett House, Vernon Road E3 having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Company Directors, and Manager, Intend to apply at the Licensing sessions to be held at Thames Magistrates court, 58 Bow Road, Bow, London, E3 on the 19th day of JUne 1995 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant to us of a New Justices' Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on and off the premises situate: 1 Lamb Street Spitalfields E1 and to be known by the sign of Market Sports a plan of which premises has been deposited with the Clerk to the Licensing Justices together with this notice. dated the 26th day of May 1995. Signed T.V. EDWARDS (Authorised Agent on behalf of the Applicant)

to all whom it may concern TAKE NOTICE THAT WE Albert Lipka and Linda Lipka of 28 Royal Close, Manor Road, London N16 8FE and Marta Mclaughlin of 48 Brushfield Street, London E1 having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Restaurateur, Customer Services Officer and Restaurateur intend to apply at the Licensing sessions to be held at Thames Magistrates Court 58 Bow Road, London E3 on the 19th day of June 1995 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the grant to us of a New Justices' Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises situate at: 48 Brushfield Street E1 and to be known by the sign of Salvo Jure a plan of which premises has been deposited with the Clerk to the Licensing Justices together with this notice and it is our intention to apply to the justices to insert the conditions required for it to be granted as a restaurant licence. Dated the 26 day of May 1995 Signed T.V. EDWARDS (Authorised Agent on behalf of the Applicant)

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IT PAYS TO TALK

☐ Giordano and Brown on a PR warning ☐ Caution demanded of celebrating Chancellor ☐ Banking on talks with union

Gas board on probation

☐ NO-ONE should be too surprised at the outcome of the various polls conducted at the end of British Gas's vituperative annual meeting.

A single institutional investor, Prudential, commands more shares in British Gas than all the 4,500 shareholders who packed the company's annual meeting this week. The Pru owns 3.5 per cent of British Gas. It owns 3.5 per cent of all the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

With the pension and insurance cash of millions of British citizens at their command, the Pru's professional fund managers have the muscle to call the shots in Britain's boardrooms. They are part of an exclusive club, made up of fund managers from a few score institutions, that must take much of the blame for any failure in British corporate governance.

The poll results, announced last night, clearly show that only around half the shares in British Gas owned by institutions were actually voted. By annual meeting standards, that is not a bad turn-out. But in this case, it is either a protest, or a dereliction of duty.

The former is more likely. Institutional fund managers claim a chameleon character: shy of the limelight, but brutally outspoken behind closed doors when the company chairman comes to call. "British Gas have had just as hard a time privately as they did at the annual meeting," said one.

Institutions have every cause to be angry. Small investors clearly link disquiet over pay rises with unsatisfactory service standards. Regulatory intervention has crippled the profitability of British Gas and reduced the value of institutional investment. The board's failure to defuse the pay row has increased the risk of further regulatory intervention.

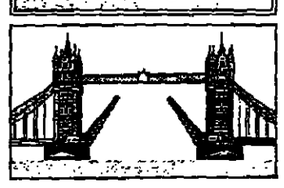
Fund managers do not like these failings that are damaging the value of their investment. But they do firmly approve of the new sense of strategic direction given to British Gas by the Giordano/Brown team. The company is at last moving to cut costs, meet the challenge of growing competition and develop an overseas arm to compensate for diminishing opportunities at home.

Because of the pay row, this is not reflected in the share price. The failure, as institutions perceive it, is not strategy, but public relations. Fund managers have given the board a few clear pointers about how this might be addressed. The chairman of the remuneration committee must be capable of standing up to Mr Giordano, they say. The bonus scheme looks too easy. A rethink, in 12 months time, would be appropriate.

Giordano and Brown are on notice to start winning the PR battle. They must also start delivering to the stock market. Institutions have given them the benefit of the doubt, thanks to Mr Giordano's insistence that Wednesday's events were a vote of confidence in him and his team. They now expect their confidence to be fully rewarded.

No time for Clarke to be contrary

PENNINGTON



☐ KENNETH CLARKE has much reason for celebration as he returns from proselytising the Indians to privatisation and prepares for next week's meeting with Eddie George.

Virtually every economic statistic since his controversial meeting with the Bank in May has gone spectacularly his way. Far from being revised upwards, as many City analysts had expected, first quarter gross domestic product was revised downwards. Added to this, gloom on the housing market has been unmitigated and the runes on the inflation threat from industry have brightened. Last week, the CBI pointed to an easing of such pressures. Yesterday, purchasing managers did the same.

But the international scene has also come to Mr Clarke's aid. In spite of the dollar's wobbles, the pound has done quite well. More important, the sharp sharp slowdown in the US economy, underlined yesterday by an American purchasing managers' report, is heightening speculation that US rates will next be cut. It seems only a matter of time, too, before German rates are cut again as exports are hit by the strong mark. If rates elsewhere are heading downwards in response to faltering growth, it would surely be perverse for Britain to raise them in the face of its own slowdown.

Midland Bank will this weekend change its forecast for base rates. It has been predicting a peak of 7.75 per cent but now believes that the peak has already been reached and that rates will be cut sometime next year. The financial markets agree. Interest rate futures as far out as December are predicting no change in interest rates.

It cannot be excluded that Mr Clarke might allow himself the delicious fun of confounding the markets two months' running and raise interest rates in the face of the economic evidence.

But a taste for contrarianism would not work in his favour. A rate rise next week would only convince his sceptics that the May decision was a political one, taken amid the rubble of the Tory election results. And why change tack when original decision was obviously right? Finally, a rate rise could genuinely threaten the recovery.

Barclays staff stand Unifi

☐ BARCLAYS' belated decision to go back to the negotiating table with its striking staff is an impressive victory for the banking unions. Most bank strikes tend to be lame affairs that fizzle out after the staff make a token protest and their employers offer a token sweetener to their previous pay offer.

This time both the staff union and the Barclays have become deeply entrenched in their positions. Barclays may deny it, but Tuesday's strike caused it all sorts of damage. The back-log of unsettled cheques and payments created a great deal of disruption when business began as usual on Wednesday morning.

There is also the unquantifiable damage done to the image of the bank among its customers. Service industries generally live in fear of picketing and disruption. What is worse for Barclays is that its customers seem, anecdotally, to sympathise with the striking bank staff. Many showed their support by using rival banks' cash machines at no small cost to Barclays.

The threat that the strike may spread seemed to be the final straw that forced Barclays to reopen the lines of communication with its staff. The bank is using weasel words to deny that it is reopening pay negotiations but it is hard to see what else the two sides could have to discuss beyond the weather. If Barclays' statement means it believes it can resolve the dispute by laying down the law to its staff, then it faces a very rude awakening. Unless it receives something tangible for its efforts, Unifi is hardly likely to postpone its next action for long.

Tour of duty

☐ JUDGING from the tone of yesterday's plea to Brussels, Eurotunnel is desperate to stop ferry companies using profits on duty-frees to subsidise discounts on tickets. Given Sir Alastair Morton's confession to shareholders this week that the bankers would soon be breathing down his neck again, one can understand the desperation. And complaining was never one of Sir Alastair's weaknesses.

Shares in Boots fall as profit increases

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARES in Boots, Britain's biggest chemist, fell 8p to 510p yesterday in spite of healthy growth in pre-tax profits and a 13 per cent rise in dividend.

The increase in profits before tax and exceptional items from £484.8 million to £525.6 million in the year to March 31 was in line with analysts' forecasts of between £520 million and £529 million. Sales were £4.3 billion, up 3.4 per cent.

With exceptional gains included, profits doubled to £849.7 million. Boots made £47 million profit on the sale of Farley's and a £273.1 million profit on selling its pharmaceutical arm to BASF.

Sir Michael Angus, chairman, said that the company ended the year with net cash of £517 million, expected to rise to £600 million as further proceeds came from selling the pharmaceutical business. Analysts expect the businesses to generate a further £100 million cash this year. He said Boots was seeking acquisitions to build up its over-the-counter medicines operation. However, if the right company at the right price fails to materialise, Boots would consider buying back more shares.

Boots The Chemist lifted profits 4.8 per cent to a record £349.7 million. Profits from Halfords rose 41 per cent, to £20.5 million. Analysts were disappointed by AG Stanley, which, with higher than expected development costs in Boots Healthcare International, led to £30 million coming off current-year forecasts.

An 11.65p final dividend, due on 23 August, makes 17p, up from 15p.

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Hogg Robinson pays £58m for Swedish agency

BY MARTIN BARROW

HOGG Robinson is acquiring Bennett Travel, a business travel agency based in Scandinavia, for £58.5 million, it was announced yesterday.

The acquisition of what is believed to be the world's second oldest travel business after Thomas Cook, is to be part-funded via a £25.3 million share placing and open offer.

The company is offering one new share for every four held at 160p each. Yesterday, existing shares fell 5p to 175p. British Airways has agreed to subscribe for its full entitlement of new shares in respect of its 12.24 per cent interest in the company.

Bennett Travel, established by a Briton in 1850, has operations in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland, and in 1994 is believed to have accounted for more than 15 per cent of all business travel reservations in the Nordic region.

The company is a member of Business Travel International (BTI), the international business travel management company of which Hogg Robinson is a founding member and currently in charge of operational management. BTI has 44 business travel agencies in 61 countries; members include Hapag-Lloyd Reiseburo in Germany, Kuoni Travel of Switzerland, Holland International Travel and BTI Americas Inc.

Bennett has approximately 1,000 employees in 150 locations throughout Scandinavia. In 1994, the company earned profits of SKr64.9 million (£5.6 million) on sales of SKr4.7 billion. Net assets were SKr46.2 million at the year-end. The company is being sold by Volvo, which is in the process of disposing of all non-core interests.

Brian Perry, chairman of Hogg Robinson, said: "This is a major move within the overall business travel sector and should greatly enhance our international positioning.

"There is a growing trend for multinational companies to require consolidation of their worldwide travel expenditure through a single supplier. We believe we are well-equipped to meet this need."

Yesterday, Hogg Robinson also announced financial results for the year to the end of March, showing a decline in pre-tax profits to £14.3 million from £21.48 million.

However, excluding exceptional items profits came in at £17.4 million, rising from £16 million in the previous 12 months. This excludes the impact of an exceptional charge of £3.1 million against restructuring and disposals, compared with a net credit of £5.4 million, reflecting a profit on the disposal of the leisure travel business.

The company is paying a final dividend of 4.65p, due August 11, lifting the total payment to 7.6p from 7.1p. Ongoing businesses delivered earnings per share, excluding exceptional items, of 15.97p, compared with 15.31p. Overall earnings were 11.82p a share, down from 23.49p.

Profits from business travel advanced strongly to £7 million from £4.58 million, while transport, which is engaged in trailer and logistics and freight forwarding, rose to £5.8 million from £4.76 million. Financial services, operating in a difficult market, held profits almost unchanged at £6 million, compared with £5.7 million.

☐ Thomas Cook announced discounts of up to 40 per cent off summer holiday prices. The company's customers can get £110 per person off selected 14-night breaks to five popular European sunspots. The discounts apply to adult prices on breaks in Majorca, Menorca, the Portuguese Algarve and the Greek islands of Corfu and Kos. They are valid for departures between July 10 and September 3. The move follows last week's initiative by the UK's biggest travel agents, Lunn Poly, which cut £100 off many June holidays.

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Richard Cole-Hamilton, left, with David Michels, chief executive of the Stakis group

Hotels help Stakis to 73% rise

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

ACQUISITIONS, a good performance from hotels and lower net interest costs helped Stakis, the Glasgow hotels and casinos group, to a 73 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £11.5 million in the half year to April 2.

Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, rose to £82.8 million (£70.7 million).

A greater number of hotels and increased room and occupancy rates helped operating profits from the group's 39 hotels to increase by £3.1 million to £13 million, but profits from the 24 casinos dipped to £6.5 million (£6.7 million). The company believes the National Lottery had an indirect effect, while attendances fell and the gaming win percentage dipped to 18.3 per cent (18.7 per cent).

Richard Cole-Hamilton, the chairman, said general market conditions in the hotel sector seemed to be improving and the group's overall prospects looked good.

There is an increased interim dividend of 0.75p (0.05p), payable on September 7, from earnings ahead 31 per cent to 2.03p (1.55p) a share. Mr Cole-Hamilton added: "Overall prospects for continued improvement look good."

Net interest costs fell to £5.6 million (£7.3 million), with gearing standing at 33 per cent at the half year.

Brown & Tawse £30m rights to buy Kwikform

BROWN & TAWSE, the distributor of industrial products, yesterday unveiled ambitious plans to acquire GKN's Kwikform scaffolding subsidiary for up to £33 million (Our City staff writes).

The final consideration, subject to adjustment once profits for 1995 are known, compares with B&T's market capitalisation of just £13.6 million when its shares were suspended at 42p yesterday.

The company will fund the acquisition through a rights issue of new shares, underwritten by Hill Samuel, to raise £30 million. A total of 108 million new shares are being issued at 30p each by the company, which proposes to change its name to Bandt.

The proposed acquisition was unveiled as B&T reported pre-tax losses of £2.4 million for the year to April 2, reduced from £3.8 million in the previous year, on turnover of £76 million (£94 million). Losses were 7.4p a share (8p). There is again no dividend. Don McFarlane, B&T chairman, said the market for the company's tubes, fittings and pipe products will remain flat in volume terms for the rest of 1995. The acquisition of Kwikform is the brainchild of Richard Wilson, chief executive of B&T, who was formerly chairman of Kwikform as part of his role as chief executive of GKN's building services division.

McFarlane: shares halted

Mr Wilson was recruited to rebuild B&T after profits collapsed in the late 1980s and early 1990s. After at least two years of heavy losses, Kwikform made £2.1 million pre-tax profits on sales of £57.4 million in calendar 1994. Net assets at completion will be £23 million.

To the extent that 1995 profits are less than £4.2 million, the price will be reduced pound for pound to a limit of £500,000 off the consideration. GKN said the sale would generate an exceptional £6 million profit on completion on July 3. Ian Barnes, Kwikform managing director, will join the B&T board.

Mr McFarlane said: "We believe the acquisition of Kwikform will significantly enhance the prospects of the group."

Hambro Insurance falls back

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

HAMBRO Insurance Services yesterday gave warning that action taken to restore its flagging loss-adjusting business will not begin to bear fruit until the second half of the current year.

The insurance consultancy group saw profits from its core UK loss-adjusting business shrink from £2 million to £915,000 in the year to March 31. The decline, on slightly reduced turnover of £37.9 million, reflected the low level of claims made to insurance companies.

Hambro said that it was confident that it had taken appropriate action to restore profitability, but added: "We do not expect to see the benefits of these actions come through until the second half of the current year."

Higher contributions from legal-expenses insurance and telephone helplines, and market-making in traded endowment policies, helped to offset the decline. Overall pre-tax profits fell 4 per cent, to £8 million, on sales ahead 13 per cent, to £89 million. The shares remained unchanged at 77p; the March 1993 flotation price was 138p.

Hambro Legal Protection, the legal-expenses insurance and telephone helpline business, lifted profits by 21 per cent, to £5.4 million, on sales up by 12 per cent, to £20.9 million. Beale Dobie, the endowment policy market-maker, lifted profits by 3 per cent, to £1.4 million, on sales up by 44 per cent, to £29.3 million.

The final dividend remains at 3.7p, making an unchanged 5.55p total for the year. The payout, due on August 18, is from earnings per share of 7.4p, down from 7.8p last time.

TOTAL

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 30, 1995 has set the 1994 dividend at FF 8.00 per share.

A tax credit of FF 4.00 will be added to this dividend.

Payment of the dividend, the amount of which will be dependent on the terms of the double tax convention between France and Great Britain, will be settled upon presentation of the coupon and completion of form RF 4 GB.

Residents may lodge this form with the Bank acting as their agent, either in France or in the United Kingdom, at any time up to December 31 of the second year following the collection date of the coupons. As a result of French legislation on the "dematerialisation" of securities, payment of the coupons will be made through the banks with which the securities have been deposited.

The Annual General Meeting has decided to offer each shareholder the option to receive the 1994 dividend either in cash or in shares. The issue price of such shares - carrying dividend and voting rights effective from January 1, 1995 - has been set at FF 277.0 per share.

Shareholders opting to receive the dividend in the form of shares will be required to make such election between June 6, 1995, the dividend record date, and June 30, 1995.

Any shareholder who has not made such election by June 30, 1995, shall automatically receive the dividend in cash, payable as of July 21, 1995.

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Fisons near to launching agreed bid for Medeva

IT LOOKS as if Fisons may be close to launching its agreed bid for rival Medeva following several months of negotiations.

Talk in the Square Mile last night claimed that Fisons had finally agreed terms with Medeva and would be ready to move shortly. The **Medeva** share price responded with a rise of 3p to 248p as more than 3 million shares changed hands, stretching its lead during the past two days to 11p. By contrast, **Fisons**, which has raised £500 million this year after disposing of two of its businesses, eased 1p to 174p.

Speculators say Fisons is ready to make an offer with a mixture of cash and shares valued at between 250p and 260p. This would give Medeva a price tag of around £750 million.

Elsewhere, share prices in London were quick to take their lead from Wall Street's strong performance overnight, prompted by central bank support for the dollar and evidence of a further slowdown in the US economy. This has revived hopes that the next movement in interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic will be lower.

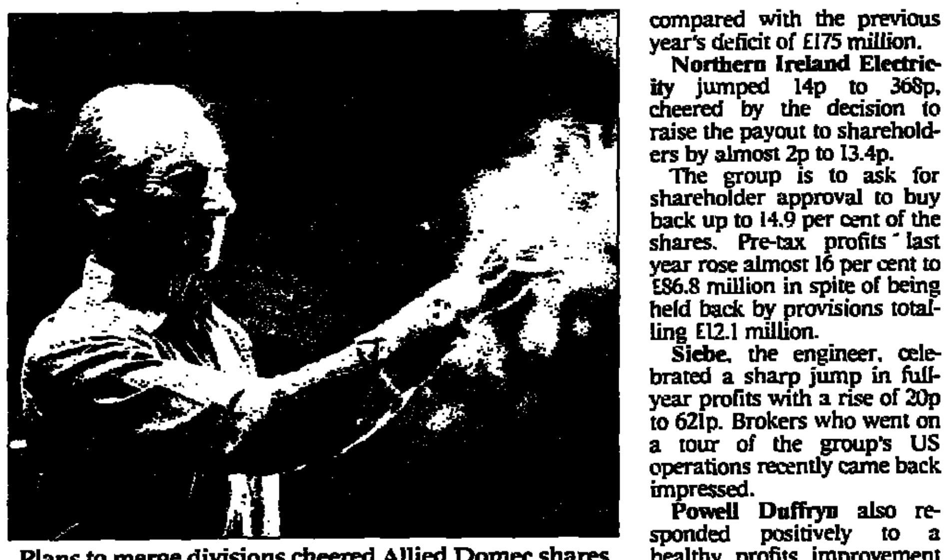
At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index soared almost 34 points with bonds also sharply higher. But a hesitant opening for share price last night in New York took some of the shine off London's performance. Even so, the index ended the session 21.2 up at 3,340.6 as turnover grew to 666 million shares.

A steadier performance by the dollar following this week's intervention by central banks was good news for those companies with an international flavour. There were gains for **Zeneca**, 12p to 948p, **RTZ**, 8p to 812p, **BAT Industries**, 5p to 497p, and **Reuters**, 7½p to 478½p.

WPP Group, the advertising agency, stood out with a rise of 8p to 131p in heavy turnover as more than 12 million shares changed hands. Smith New Court, the stockbroker, was said to have been responsible for much of the business and may be catering for a big US buyer of the shares.

Hanson traded 2p better at 232½p after completion of the demerger of US Industries, which has been floated separately on Wall Street.

Allied Domecq responded positively to the news that it plans to merge its struggling wine and spirits businesses, Domecq and the former Hiram Walker. The shares ended the session 5p better at 528p.



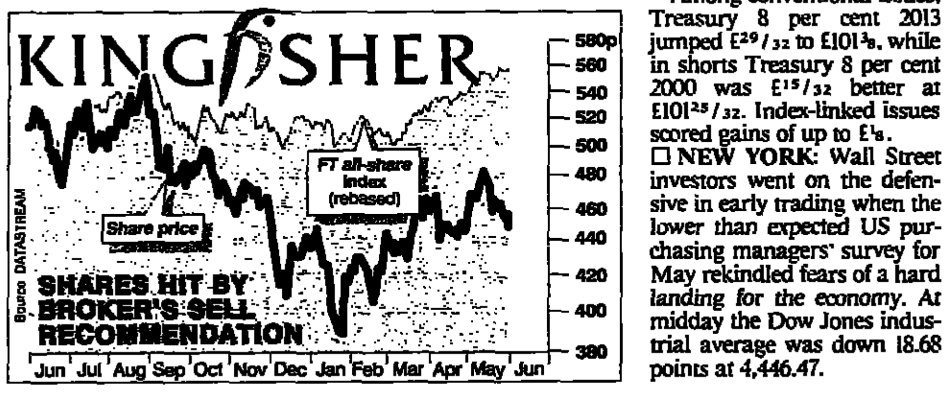
Plans to merge divisions cheered Allied Domec shares

Whitbread has taken advantage of the market's strength to dispose of some of its investments in rival companies. **HP Bulmer**, the cider maker, dropped 9p to 445p after Whitbread sold its entire 5.44 per cent holding for an undisclosed price. It has also sold similar stakes in **Joseph Holt**, unchanged at £31.73, and **Hardys and Hanson**, steady at 256p. **Whitbread** firmed 2p to 596p.

Boots dipped 7p to 511p after failing to cast light on how it intends to use its £517 million of surplus funds, which is now expected to reach £700 million by the end of the current year. It had been hoped the group would announce plans to reimburse shareholders by either paying a special dividend, or embarking on another share buy-back scheme. Last year saw pre-tax profits at Boots surge from £416 million to almost £850 million.

Kingfisher, the Woolworth, B&Q and Comet stores group, fell 6p to 451p following a sell recommendation from BZW. The move by BZW comes just a day after Sir Geoff Mulcahy, the chairman, gave shareholders a run-down of current trading. Clearly not everyone is impressed.

London International, the condom maker, celebrated a return to the dividend list with a rise of 4p to 111p. It swung back into the black with pre-tax profits of £15.2 million compared with the previous year's deficit of £175 million.



Northern Ireland Electricity jumped 14p to 368p, cheered by the decision to raise the payout to shareholders by almost 2p to 13.4p.

The group is to ask for shareholder approval to buy back up to 14.9 per cent of the shares. Pre-tax profits last year rose almost 16 per cent to £86.8 million in spite of being held back by provisions totalling £12.1 million.

Siebe, the engineer, celebrated a sharp jump in full-year profits with a rise of 20p to 621p. Brokers who went on a tour of the group's US operations recently came back impressed.

Powell Duffryn also responded positively to a healthy profits improvement with a rise of 6p to 544p.

News of difficult trading conditions at its casino operations, which saw profits decline, left **Stakis** 2p easier at 86p. The group said the National Lottery, in particular the new scratch cards, may have had an adverse effect. This did not stop pre-tax profits last year climbing 73 per cent to £11.5 million helped by hotels and recent acquisitions.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices responded positively to the latest numbers from the US. These showed a further slowdown in the American economy with the purchasing managers' index dropping to its lowest level since May 1991.

Bond prices in London closed below their best of the day, having briefly come within a whisker of the high for the year.

In futures, the June series of the Long Gilt touched £108¹⁵/₃₂ before finishing £²⁵/₃₂ better at £108⁹/₃₂. Turnover dropped to 39,000 contracts as investors began switching into the September series, where a further 24,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped £²⁹/₃₂ to £101⅜, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £¹⁵/₃₂ better at £101²⁵/₃₂. Index-linked issues scored gains of up to £⅛.

□ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street investors went on the defensive in early trading when the lower than expected US purchasing managers' survey for May rekindled fears of a hard landing for the economy. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 18.68 points at 4,446.47.

Shares of Securicor maintained their recent strong run. The ordinary shares rose 10p to a high of £15.85 and the "A" 13p to a record £10.07. There is talk in the market that BT wants to buy the 40 per cent of Cellnet — the mobile telephone network owned by Securicor — that it does not already control.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4446.47 (-18.68)
S&P Composite 531.25 (-2.15)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 15594.57 (+157.78)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9559.74 (+152.36)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 434.95 (+3.43)

Sydney:
AO 2021.0 (+1.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2126.38 (+34.21)

Singapore:
Straits 2205.03 (+26.67)

Brussels:
General 7714.62 (+49.79)

Paris:
CAC-40 1960.80 (+12.85)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 658.00 (+8.60)

London:

FT 30	2522.8 (+15.1)
FT 100	3340.6 (+21.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3674.8 (+21.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1660.9 (+10.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1374.30 (+19.80)
FT A All-Share	1642.33 (+9.77)
FT Non Financials	1762.91 (+8.84)
FT Fixed Interest	113.55 (-0.13)
FT Govt Secs	94.61 (+0.30)
Bargains	24642
SEAQ Volume	666.3m
USM (Datastrm)	156.83 (+0.56)
US$	1.5912 (+0.0015)
German Mark	2.2646 (+0.0191)
Exchange Index	84.8 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2130
£:SDR	1.0178
RPI	149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts P/P	720	+2
Dumyat IT Cv An Div	105	...
Dumyat IT Mthly Div	105	...
Finsbury Worldwide	101	...
General Cable (190)	173	+2
Gus Carter (80)	92	...
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Precoat Intl (125)	141	...
Schroder Inc Gth Fd	106	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	27	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Daniels (S) n/p (34)	30	+12
Prime People n/p (4)	1	...
Regal Hotel n/p (35)	¼	...
Sco/New Non-Int n/p	35	+ ½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hamleys	237p (+10p)
Misys	393p (+20p)
Security Serv	900p (+16p)
Lamont	300p (-47p)
P&O	625p (+11p)
Zeneca	948p (+12p)
Land Sec	635p (+11p)
Rowlinson Secs	138p (+10p)
Carlton Comm	954p (+8p)
EMAP	458p (+8p)
Yorkshire TV	479p (+12p)
Shell	781p (+9p)
Granada	599p (+10p)
Siebe	622p (+21p)
Trinity Holdings	371p (+10½p)
Reckitt & Colman	672p (+12p)
Danka Bus Systems	385p (+13p)
Eurotherm	459p (+8p)
Mitel	308p (+12p)
Wardle Storeys	375p (+35p)
Jardine Math	506p (+15p)

FALLS:

WH Smith	343p (-9p)
HP Bulmer	445p (-9p)
ADT	710p (-10p)
Boots	510p (-8p)
Caffyns	240p (-8p)
Kelsey Ind	433p (-22p)
Aus New Z Bank	215p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Filling its Boots

BOOTS is at the crossroads. Left is the beckoning lights of the over-the-counter drugs market, a tantalising, fast growing arena with the allure of high returns. Right is the share-buy back route, a track that Boots has already stomped along having spent £500 million last November in purchasing about 10 per cent of its equity. The straight ahead option is to drive profits from its current operations.

Its businesses are highly cash generative and having sold the pharmaceutical business last year, Boots is sitting on £517 million in cash, which is forecast to grow to £700 million by the end of the year. Funding is not the problem, finding a use for it is.

Boots can earn 7 per cent on its cash if its invests short-term in the money markets. The money could be put to better use by buying an OTC company, but while the world market is highly fragmented, Boots is not alone in seeking for acquisitions. Since Halfords and Boots International Healthcare have the best long-term growth prospects of the group's current businesses, the logic of expanding in OTC is sound. But there is a danger that it will have sold the pharmaceutical division at the bottom of a cycle and now may buy an OTC business at the top.

If the right company cannot be found at the right price then a share buy-back is likely. That however is likely to be delayed until next year. Either way shareholders win, provided Boots does not do something silly and pay so much for an OTC business that it dilutes earnings. Given the meagre returns on cash at present, that would be difficult. Once the future of Boots' wealth is decided, the shares could be due for a re-rating.

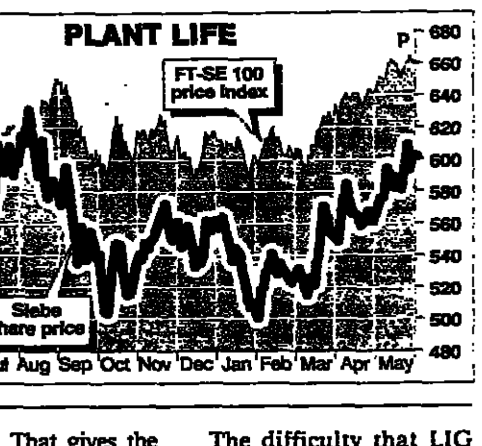
Siebe

SIEBE's acquisition preferences and global aspirations are ambitious, but prudently executed. It is achieving excellent growth without straining cash flow and has the resources to bolt on further specialist instrumentation acquisitions in an expanding market.

Automation is an increasing trend worldwide, and the company is making convincing improvements in market share. It has achieved sustained expansion in the US, the Middle East and the Far East. Both the developing markets and the developed ones are showing an appetite to automate, particularly as economic recovery is prompting renewed investment in plant and machinery. Currently, Siebe is running hard to keep up with demand. Its order backlog has risen 20 per cent, which is forcing the group to increase production capacity.

Siebe's management has made tough demands on productivity and the company stands out in a sector where margins are often vulnerable. Operating margins moved up last year from 13.9 per cent to 14.4 per cent. Shareholders pay for the growth, however. The dividend rose at only half the rate of earnings last year, pushing cover to 3.1.

But although the yield on the shares is a scant 1.6 per cent, the long-term capital growth prospects are undimmed. The shares stand on a prospective p/e ratio of 14, which does not look overpriced.



Northern Ireland Electricity

NORTHERN Ireland Electricity will get a rough ride from the regulator next year but the company still looks like a honeypot for investors seeking income. Privatised with no debt two years ago and a lenient tariff regime, the company has improved its profitability with cost-cutting and redundancies, measures that the Government a few years ago believed would be unthinkable for a Northern Ireland utility.

NIE knows it will get clobbered next year but yesterday gave a strong signal to investors that it is determined to keep up the pace on dividends. Having lost its bid for the cable TV franchise, NIE has little reason not to mount a big share buy-back which — assuming it buys in the maximum of 14.9 per cent — should enhance earnings by 8 to 9 per cent and use up its £80 million of free cash. That gives the utility scope to carry on raising the dividend. Cover is a generous 3 times and there is no reason why it should not fall to less than 2 times by the end of the decade. Given that higher risk property companies cover their payouts less than 1.5 times, NIE has a long way to go and with few other uses for its cash, has little choice but to pay more.

LIG

EVEN when the outlook was blackest at London International Group last year, no-one doubted that it has a collection of growing profitable businesses at its core that had been buried under a string of bizarre diversifications. With help from a £114 million rescue rights issue, the group has been able to free the condom and surgical glove businesses from the wreckage of the group's other activities, and the benefits are already coming through.

The difficulty that LIG faces now is that its business is too small to service such a large equity base effectively. The world market for condoms is growing, but not fast, and although the surgical glove business generated sales growth of 33 per cent last year LIG dominates the market so heavily that future gains will be limited.

That is why LIG is talking about acquisitions so early in its recovery. At least it has the resources to fund them. Once all the reorganisation has been paid for, the group is capable of generating £25 million of free cash a year.

At least the talk this time is of buying other condom makers, not fine china companies and film processing laboratories. LIG's management has accomplished everything promised but the shares, on more than 20 times this year's earnings forecasts, are well ahead of events.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	971-969	Sep	1068-1066
Sep	989-988	Dec	1087-1085
Dec	1009-1008	Mar	1104-1101
Mar	1029-1028	May	1125-1105
May	1042-1041		
Jul	1055-1053		Volume: 7599

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	2880-2874	Mar	2832-2825
Sep	2831-2827	May	2825-2810
Nov	2841-2835	Jul	2825-2800
Jan	2836-2830		Volume: 5267

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	285.5-84.1
Spot: 401.0		May	287.0-85.7
Aug	354.5-53.5	Aug	289.0-86.7
Oct	301.5-00.5	Oct	271.5-68.7
Dec	288.5-87.1		Volume: 2147

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 31

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	94.26	118.23	123.07
(+/-)	-1.32	+6.07	+1.31
Eng/Wales:	94.26	118.50	122.42
(+/-)	-1.32	+6.64	+1.58
(%)	+9.0	+23.0	-1.0
Scotland:	unq	113.50	126.13
(+/-)	...	-2.81	+0.45
(%)	...	n/c	-10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.70	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.65	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.50	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.85	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.70	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 200 (+1)	O: 202 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	159 (+1)	161 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jun	157 (-1)	159 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jul	155 (+1)	156 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	95 (+4)	97 (+4)
Naphtha	189 (+1)	191 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	155.00-55.25	Sep	153.75-54.00
Jul	152.75-53.00	Oct	unq
Aug	152.25-52.50		Vol: 23615

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.65-17.67	Oct	17.20-17.23
Aug	17.47-17.49	Nov	17.10-17.17
Sep	17.30-17.33		Vol: 21991

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	128.25	Sep	106.00
Sep	108.00	Nov	107.90
Nov	109.60	Jan	110.00
Jan	111.50	Mar	111.50
Mar	113.00	May	114.25
Volume: 212		Volume: 53	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	116.5	117.0
May	unq	149.0
Jun		unq
		Volume: 31

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jul 109.75-110.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 95	1915	1910	1910
Jul 95	1820	1770	1775
Aug 95	1770	1765	1743
Oct 95	1800	1760	1760
Vol: 498 lots		Open interest: 3514	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2878.0-2879.0	3mth: 2854.0-2855.0	Vol: 1466575
Lead ($/tonne)	610.50-611.00	623.00-623.50	144800
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1024.5-1025.0	1050.0-1051.0	530550
Tin ($/tonne)	6180.0-6200.0	6110.0-6120.0	18585
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1828.0-1828.5	1843.0-1846.0	1344100
Nickel ($/tonne)	7575.0-7580.0	7690.0-7700.0	86760

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
		Calls			Puts		
Alld Dom.	500	36	48	56	4½	8½	15½
(*527½)	550	7½	20½	29½	26	31½	38½
Argyll	330	10	19	26	11	17	21
(*335)	360	1½	8	14	34½	36½	39½
ASDA	80	7½	9	11	1	3½	4½
(*86)	90	2½	4½	6	5½	8½	9½
Boots	500	17	27½	34½	13	17	24
(*511)	550	2½	8½	15	52½	53	55½
Br Airways	390	21½	29	36	7	13	18
(*408½)	420	5	14½	21½	24½	29½	33½
BP	420	32	40	47	3½	7½	11
(*446½)	460	7	17	24½	18½	24½	29½
Br Steel	160	16½	19	20½	1	3½	6
(*175½)	180	3	8	10	9½	12½	15½
C & W	420	14	26½	35½	13½	20	25
(*425)	460	2½	12	20	43½	46	49½
CU	600	30½	43	53	10½	23½	27½
(*610½)	650	8	20	29	38	51½	55
ICI	750	55½	66	83	4	14½	19
(*796)	800	21	36	53	19½	34½	39
Kingfishr.	420	38	48	56½	4	12	16
(*451)	460	12½	24	34	19	30	33½
Land Sec.	600	35	39	47	8	13	19
(*634½)	650	4½	14½	22	38½	41	45½
M & S	390	32	42	49½	1½	5	8
(*418)	420	9½	22	31	10½	15	19
Nat West	500	52½	59	68½	1½	9½	12½
(*546½)	550	15½	28	37½	16	29	32½
Sainsbury	420	35½	45	52	1½	5	8½
(*450½)	460	9	19	27½	15	20	23½
Shell	750	41	54	64½	4	14	18
(*781)	800	9	23½	37	24½	37	41
Smkl Bch.	500	25	36	47½	7	14½	21
(*513½)	550	4½	13½	24	37½	42½	49
Storehse	260	15	19½	25	6	8½	11
(*271)	280	4½	10	15	16½	19	21
Trafalgar	45	4½	7	9½	1½	3½	4½
(*47)	50	2	4½	6	4	6	7
Unilever.	1200	47½	80	101	11½	24	31½
(*1223½)	1250	20½	51½	72½	35	47	53½
Zeneca	900	59	76½	95½	6	19½	26½
(*947½)	950	24½	45	66½	22	38½	47½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	390	18	27½	34	10½	14½	20
(*398½)	420	6½	13½	20	29	31½	37
Ladbroke.	180	10½	13½	18	6	9	11½
(*181½)	200	3	5½	9½	19	21½	23½
Utd Bisc	300	32½	38½	43½	1½	7	11
(*324½)	330	13	21	27	11½	21	24

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
		Calls			Puts		
BAA	460	34	43	51	3½	8	11½
(*491½)	500	8½	19½	28½	20½	24½	29
Thames W	500	12½	22½	29½	19½	25½	32½
(*506½)	550	0½	7	12	61	62½	66
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	460	45	52	62	7	13	15½
(*496½)	500	18½	28½	39	23½	29	32½
BTR	330	22	26½	32	5	9½	11½
(*343½)	360	7	12	17	19½	25	27
Br Aero	495	48	61	—	10½	19	—
(*525½)	545	20½	34½	—	33	42½	—
Br Telcm	390	16½	30	23½	13½	17½	23
(*395½)	420	4½	8	11½	35½	38	42
Cadbury	447	41	—	—	3½	—	—
(*478)	486	15	—	—	17	—	—
Guinness	460	32	41	51	7½	11½	16
(*479)	500	10½	20½	30	26½	31	35
GEC	300	25½	28	31	4	7	10
(*323)	330	6½	11½	15½	19½	22½	24½
Hanson	231	8	11½	14	7½	12	15
(*232½)	251	2	5	7	22½	25½	28
LASMO	160	12	17½	22	4½	7	8½
(*165½)	180	3½	8½	12½	16	18	19½
Lucas	180	15½	19½	22½	4½	9	11½
(*189)	200	5½	9½	13	14½	20	22½
Pilkingtn.	180	9	14½	18½	5	8	10
(*185½)	200	1½	6	9½	17½	20	21
Prudential	330	22	28½	34½	6½	12	14
(*341)	360	7½	14	20	22	28	30
Redland	420	29½	38½	46½	7½	16	19
(*435½)	460	10½	19	27½	28½	37	39
R-Royce	180	15	18½	23½	4½	9½	10½
(*189)	200	5½	9½	14	15	19	21
Tesco	280	23	29	34	2½	7	8½
(*296)	300	10	17	22	10½	15½	17
Vodafone	200	12½	19	23½	6½	10	13
(*205½)	220	4	9	14½	18	21	24
Williams	330	14½	19½	26	8½	13½	15½
(*332)	360	4	7½	13	25½	32½	33½

FT-SE INDEX (*3340½)

	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450
Calls						
Jun	149½	102	61	29½	10½	2½
Jul	170½	130	93½	64	40½	22½
Aug	181	143	110	79½	56½	37½
Sep	199	161½	130½	100½	77	55½
Dec	249½	—	186½	—	133½	—
Puts						
Jun	2	5½	14	34	66	114
Jul	13	21½	36	57	84½	120
Aug	24½	37	53½	74	101	133
Sep	35	46½	65	85½	112½	143
Dec	65½	—	100½	—	147½	—

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
		Calls			Puts		
Abby Nat.	460	20½	32½	42	3	13½	16½
(*476)	500	2½	13	22	25	35	37½
Amstrad	220	6	15	20	5½	11½	14½
(*220)	240	0½	7	11½	20½	23½	26
Barclays	650	36	50	63	2½	13½	22
(*681½)	700	6	21½	36	23	38	45½
Blue Circ.	300	9½	18½	26½	4½	13½	17½
(*303½)	330	0½	6½	13½	26½	31	34½
Br Gas	300	9	17½	23	4	8	13
(*305)	330	0	5	10	25	26½	31
Dixons	240	10	15	21	2½	9½	12½
(*247)	260	1½	6½	12	14	21½	24
Forte	220	13½	20	24	0½	4	6½
(*232)	240	2	8½	13½	9	13	16
Tarmac	110	10½	16½	18½	1	4½	6
(*119½)	120	3½	10½	13½	4½	8½	10½
Hillsdwn	180	7	13½	17½	2½	4½	7½
(*184)	200	0½	4½	8½	16	16½	18½
Lonrho	140	11½	15	19	0½	3½	9½
(*150½)	160	1	5	9	10	14	15½
Sears	100	9½	12½	14	0	1½	2
(*109)	110	2	5½	7½	2½	5	6
Thrn Emi	1200	48½	69½	84	6½	29½	39½
(*1241)	1250	15½	41	57	22	55	64
Tomkins	240	8	13½	18½	3	10½	13
(*244½)	260	1	5½	10	16	23½	25
TSB	240	18	23	29½	1	6½	9½
(*256)	260	5	11½	18½	8	15½	18½
Wellcome	1000	70½	75	—	0	1	—
(*1070)	1050	20½	31	—	1	9	—
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	37	51½	60	8½	26½	32½
(*723)	750	11	24½	35½	33½	54	59½
HSBC	800	66	86½	106	10½	29	39
(*849)	850	34½	58	80	29½	51	61½
Reuter	460	29	41½	52	6½	14	19
(*478½)	500	8½	21	31½	26½	34	38½
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins.	330	19½	27	35½	8	15½	19½
(*339½)	360	6	13½	21½	24½	32	36
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	15	21½	26½	0½	5	7½
(*174)	180	2½	10	15½	7½	13½	16½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	600	49½	62½	72	17	27	34½
(*638½)	650	20	37	47½	43	52½	60
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	15	22	30	9	17	20½
(*470½)	500	0½	7	13½	42	44	46
Scot Pwr	330	11	18	24½	4	13½	18
(*337)	360	0½	5½	12	23½	33½	37

June 1, 1995 Tot: 36374 Call: 16569 Put: 19805 FT-SE Call: 6944 Put: 9714
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3355.0	3365.0	3342.0	3346.0	12984
Previous open interest: 80133	Sep 95	3377.0	3386.0	3366.0	3369.0	1931
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3695.0	3695.0	3695.0	3695.0	302
Previous open interest: 5354	Sep 95	3719.0	3720.0	3719.0	3720.0	300
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	93.27	93.32	93.26	93.32	9169
Previous open interest: 424397	Sep 95	93.02	93.13	93.01	93.10	32084
	Dec 95	92.82	92.92	92.81	92.90	12968
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				94.00	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				94.29	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.57	95.62	95.54	95.58	25630
Previous open interest: 662651	Sep 95	95.62	95.68	95.58	95.64	36253
Long Gilt	Jun 95	107-21	108-15	107-16	108-09	40398
Previous open interest: 143459	Sep 95	107-08	108-00	107-01	107-26	25231
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	120.96	121.10	120.56	121.02	967
	Sep 95	119.88	119.99	119.40	119.89	5186
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	95.29	95.48	95.02	95.39	152902
Previous open interest: 184576	Sep 95	94.84	95.00	94.55	94.91	36684
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.83	93.86	93.81	93.82	508
Previous open interest: 19255	Sep 95	93.85	93.90	93.83	93.85	360
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.68	96.69	96.65	96.67	1762
Previous open interest: 41142	Sep 95	96.64	96.70	96.61	96.66	2785
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	100.17	100.95	100.03	100.75	43362
Previous open interest: 40771	Sep 95	99.90	100.54	99.70	100.34	7971

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6½ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6⅛ ; 3 mth: 6⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7
Interbank:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7
Overnight: open 6½, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅝	n/a	6¾	6⅞	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7¼-6⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.96	n/a	5.96	5.90	5.90
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-4¾
Deutschemark:	4½-4¼	4⅜-4¼	4½-4⅜	4⅝-4½	5-4
French Franc:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7½-7⅜	7⅜-7¼	8¼-6¾
Swiss Franc:	3½-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-2¾
Yen:	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.60-384.10 Close: $383.80-384.30 High: $383.80-384.30 Low: $382.90-383.40 AM: $383.20 PM: $383.50

Krugerrand: $384.50-386.50 (£241.50-243.50)

Platinum: $430.25 (£271.20) **Silver:** $5.31 (£3.335) **Palladium:** $158.25 (£99.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 1	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5260-2.5459	2.5260-2.5326	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.32-46.64	46.43-46.63	10-5pr	24-17pr
Copenhagen	8.8090-8.8810	8.8260-8.8550	par-⅛ds	¼-1⅛ds
Dublin	0.9767-0.9838	0.9806-0.9838	par-3ds	1pr-5ds
Frankfurt	2.2575-2.2736	2.2580-2.2643	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	237.30-239.80	237.60-239.00	57-66ds	193-209ds
Madrid	195.64-196.89	195.09-196.26	45-55ds	149-166ds
Milan	2617.00-2628.50	2618.10-2627.70	8-11ds	25-29ds
Montreal	2.1714-2.1975	2.1930-2.1975	0.19-0.31ds	0.32-0.45ds
New York	1.5830-1.5952	1.5932-1.5952	0.04-0.02pr	0.20-0.16pr
Oslo	10.0190-10.0940	10.0190-10.0490	¼-⅛pr	2¼-1¼pr
Paris	7.9210-7.9880	7.9480-7.9840	¼-1ds	1⅛-1⅛ds
Stockholm	11.6280-11.7140	11.6280-11.6760	1⅛-2⅛ds	6-7⅛ds
Tokyo	134.68-135.84	135.15-135.64	½-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅛pr
Vienna	15.88-16.01	15.93-15.99	2⅛-1⅛pr	8⅛-6⅛pr
Zurich	1.8642-1.8805	1.8642-1.8700	½-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3968-1.3978
Austria	10.02-10.03
Belgium (Com)	*29.25-29.28*
Canada	1.3739-1.3744
Denmark	5.5693-5.5713
France	5.0165-5.0215
Germany	*1.4267-1.4277*
Hong Kong	7.7353-7.7363
Ireland	1.6205-1.6225
Italy	1651.5-1653.5
Japan	*85.22-85.27*
Malaysia	2.4620-2.4630
Netherlands	1.5965-1.5970
Norway	6.3300-6.3350
Portugal	150.36-150.46
Singapore	1.3910-1.3920
Spain	123.65-123.70
Sweden	7.3550-7.3650
Switzerland	1.1785-1.1795

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5868-1.5894
Australia dollar	2.2175-2.2204
Bahrain dinar	0.5905-0.6025
Brazil real*	1.4162-1.4203
China yuan	12.50 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.705-0.715
Finland markka	6.845-6.961
Greece drachma	356.5-363.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.2837-12.2930
India rupee	49.21-50.17
Indonesia rupiah	3490.0-3558.6
Kuwait dinar KD	*0.468-0.478*
Malaysia ringgit	3.9097-3.9137
New Zealand dollar	2.3977-2.4018
Pakistan rupee	49.13 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8725-5.9985
Singapore dollar	2.2081-2.2111
S Africa rand (com)	5.785-5.887
U A E dirham	5.750-5.874

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	497	Lloyds Bk	7,800
ASDA Gp	9,300	MEPC	1,500
Abbey Natl	1,700	Marks Spr	3,200
Alld Dom	4,600	NatWst Bk	3,800
Argyll Gp	4,400	Nat Power	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,900	Nth Wst W	731
AB Foods	203	P & O	2,100
BAA	2,000	Pearson	2,100
BAT Inds	3,900	PowerGen	1,500
BOC	520	Prudential	2,300
BP	3,500	REXAM	1,600
BTR	*8,500*	*RMC*	*213*
BT	6,100	RTZ	1,500
Bk of Scot	1,100	Rank Org	1,500
Barclays	2,500	Reckitt Col	1,400
Bass	701	Redland	2,500
Blue Circle	1,200	Reed Intl	1,300
Boots	6,300	Rentokil	1,600
Brit Aero	516	Reuters	3,100
Brit Airwys	5,400	Rolls Royce	3,100
Brit Gas	10,000	Ryl Ins	4,000
Brit Steel	3,100	Ryl Bk Scot	765
Burmah Cstl	126	Sainsbury	3,300
Cable Wire	3,600	Schroders	32
Cadbury	*2,500*	*Scot & New*	*2,300*
Caradon	915	Scot Power	993
Carlton Cms	2,100	Sears	15,000
Cm Union	2,000	Svrn Trent	1,100
Courtaulds	2,600	Shell Trans	5,500
De La Rue	230	Siebe	2,700
Eastern Elec	593	SmKl Bch	2,600
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Smith Nph	1,500
Forte	5,300	Sthern Elec	171
GKN	1,000	Std Chard	3,800
GRE	3,000	Sun Allnce	2,200
GUS	1,400	TI Gp	333
Gen Acc	1,000	TSB	4,200
Gen Elec	3,600	*Tate & Lyle*	*451*
Glaxo Well	3,300	Tesco	5,700
Granada	1,700	Thames W	5,200
Grand Met	7,500	Thrn EMI	633
Guinness	3,500	Tomkins	1,900
HSBC	4,200	Unilever	1,300
Hanson	15,000	Utd Bisc	1,700
ICI	1,600	Vodafone	5,600
Inchcape	1,000	Warburg	1,400
Kingfisher	*5,700*	*Whitbread*	*1,500*
Ladbroke	1,700	Wllms Hld	2,400
Land Secs	1,300	Wolseley	2,400
Legal & Gn	2,900	Zeneca	984

WALL STREET

	Jun 1 midday	May 31 close
AMP Inc	42¼	42¾
AMR Corp	68¼	68¾
AT & T	50¾	50¾
Abbott Labs	39¾	40
Advanced Micro	33¾	32¾
Aetna Life	59¾	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	22¾	22¾
Air Prod & Chem	52¾	53½
Albertson's	29	28
Alcan Aluminm	29¼	29¾
Alco Standard	71½	71½
Allied Signal	40¾	40¾
Alum Co of Am	45¾	46½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	50½	50¾
Amer Brands	40¼	40¾
Amer El Power	34	34¼
Amer Express	35½	35½
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34½
Amer Home Pr	72¼	73¼
Amer Intl	113¼	113¾
Amer Stores	26¾	26½
Ameritech	44	44¼
Amoco	68¼	68¾
Anheuser-Busch	58¼	59¼
Apple Computer	42¾	41[illegible]
Archer Daniels	18½	18½
Armco	6¼	6½
Armstrong Wrld	50¾	51½
Asarco	29	28¾
Ashland Oil	36½	37¼
Atl Richfield	115	116¼
Auto Data Pro	62½	62¾
Avery Dennison	40¾	41¼
Avon Products	67½	67½
Baker Hughes	22¾	22½
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	26
Banc One	34¼	34¾
BankAmerica	52½	52¾
Bank of NY	40¾	40¾
Bankers Tr NY	63¼	62¾
Barnett Banks	49¾	49¾
Bausch & Lomb	40¾	40¾
Baxter Intl	34¾	34½
Becton Dicknsn	58¼	57½
Bell Atlantic	55	55¾
Bell Industries	19¾	19¾
BellSouth	60¾	61½
Black & Decker	32¾	33
Block (H&R)	36½	36½
Boeing	58¾	58¾
Boise Cascade	33	33
Bristol Myrs Sq	66	66½
Browning Ferris	35¾	35¾
Brunswick	18¾	18¾
Burlington Nthn	60¾	61½
CBS	66½	67
CNA Financial	85¾	85¾
CPC Intl	60¾	60¾
CSX	75½	76¼
Campbell Soup	48¾	49¼
Can Pacific	17	17½
Cpd Cties ABC	95¾	96½
Carolina Pwr	29¼	29¾
Caterpillar	60¾	60¾
Central & SW	25¾	25¾
Champion Intl	46¾	46¾
Chase Manhat	46¾	46¾
Chemical Bk	46½	46½
Chevron Corp	49	49¾
Chrysler	43¾	43¾
Chubb Corp	81¼	82¾
Cigna Corp	74¾	74¾
Citicorp	54½	53½
Clorox	59¾	59¾
Coastal Corp	31½	31½
Coca Cola	60¾	61½
Colgate-Palmolive	76¾	77
Columbia Gas	30¾	30
Compaq Comp	39¾	39¾
Comp Ass Intl	66½	65½
Conagra	33	33¾
Conrail	53½	54
Cons Edison	29¾	29¾
Cons Nat Gas	39¾	39¾
Cooper Inds	36¾	37
Corning Inc	31¾	32
Crown Cork	46¾	47
Dana Corp	27¾	28¾
Dayton Hudson	71½	70¾
Deere	86½	86½
Delta Air Lines	66½	65½
Deluxe Corp	31½	31½
Detroit Edison	29¾	30¾
Digital Equip	45¾	44¾
Dillard Dept St	28¾	28¾
Disney (Walt)	55½	55¾
Dominion Res	37¼	37¾
Donnelley (RR)	36½	36½
Dover Corp	65¾	65¾
Dow Chemical	73¾	73¾
Dow Jones	36¾	36½
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	41¾	41¾
Dun & Bradstreet	53	53
Du Pont	67¾	67¾
Eastman Kodak	60¾	60¾
Eaton Corp	60¾	61½
Emerson Elec	68¾	68¾
Engelhard Corp	41½	41½

	Jun 1 midday	May 31 close
Enron Corp	36	36½
Entergy	24¼	24¾
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	70¾	71½
FMC Corp	64¾	64¾
FPL Group	38¾	39¼
Federal Express	59¾	59¾
Fed Nat Mtge	92¾	93
First Chicago	58	57¾
First Interstate	84¾	84
First Union Rlty	7¾	7¾
Fleet Finl Grp	35	34¾
Fluor Corp	49¾	49¾
Ford Motor	29¾	29¾
GTE Corp	32¾	33¾
Gannett	53¾	53¾
Gap Inc Del	33¾	34½
Gen Dynamics	43¾	43¾
Gen Electric	57¾	58
Gen Mills	51½	51½
Gen Motors	47¾	48
Gen Reinsurance	133¾	135¾
Gen Signal	36¼	37
Genuine Parts	38¾	39¾
Georgia Pac	77¾	77¾
Gillette	84¾	84¾
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23	23¾
Goodrich (BF)	49¾	49¾
Goodyear Tire	41½	42¾
Grace (W&R)	64¾	64¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24¾	24½
Great Wstn Fin	21¾	21½
Halliburton	39¾	39
Harcourt General	41¾	42¾
Heinz (HJ)	44¾	45¾
Hercules	52¾	52¾
Hershey Foods	51½	51½
Hewlett Packard	66¾	66¾
Hilton Hotels	67¾	67
Home Depot	41½	41½
Homestake Mng	17¾	16¾
Honeywell	39	39¾
Household Intl	48¾	49¾
Houston Inds	42¾	43¾
Humana	21½	21½
ITT Corp	110¾	111½
Illinois Tool	49¾	49¾
Illinova	24½	24¾
INCO	29¾	25
Ingersoll Rand	37¾	37¾
Inland Steel	28	28¾
Intel Corp	115	112¾
IBM	94¾	93¾
Intl Flav & Fr	48¾	49¾
Intl Paper	78¾	78¾
James River Va	27	27
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	66¾	66¾
Kellogg	67¾	67¾
Kerr-McGee	54¾	55¾
Kimberly-Clark	59¾	60
Kmart	12¾	12¾
Knight-Ridder	54¾	55¾
Lilly (Eli)	74¾	74¾
Limited Inc	21¾	22¾
LIN Brdcsting	123¾	123½
Lincoln Nat	44½	45¾
Litton	38¾	38½
Liz Claiborne	17¾	17¾
Lockheed Martin	59¾	59¾
Louisiana Pac	21¾	22¾
MCI Comm	19¾	20¾
Marriott Int	34¾	33¾
Marsh & McLnn	79¾	79¾
Masco Corp	28½	28¾
May Dept St	39¾	39¾
Maytag Corp	16½	16¾
McDonalds	37½	37¾
McDonnell D	71¾	72¾
McGraw Hill	73¾	74
Mead Corp	54¾	53½
Medtronic	75¾	75¾
Mellon Bk	43¾	42¾
Melville Corp	38¾	39¾
Merck Inc	47	47¾
Merrill Lynch	47¾	47
Minnesota Mine	59¾	59¾
Mobil Corp	99¾	100¾
Monsanto	83¾	83¾
Morgan (JP)	71	70¾
Motorola Inc	60¾	59¾
Natl Semi	25½	25
Natl Service Ind	28¾	28¾
Navistar Int	15½	15½
NBD Bancorp	32¾	32¾
NY Times A	22½	22¾
Newmont Mng	42¾	41¾
Niag Mohawk	14¾	14¾
Nike B	78¾	78¾
NL Industries	15¾	15½
Noram Energy	6½	6¾
Nordstrom	41	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	66¾	68½
Nthn State Pwr	46¾	47¾
Norwest Corp	28¾	28¾
Nynex Corp	41½	41½
Occidental Pet	22¾	23
Ohio Edison	21½	21½
Oracle Systems	35¾	34¾
Oryx Energy Co	14½	14½
Owens Corning	36¾	36¾

	Jun 1 midday	May 31 close
PPG Industries	41¾	41½
PNC Bank	27	27
Paccar Inc	47¾	48¾
Pacificorp	19¾	19¾
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pac Gas & Elec	28¾	29
Pac Telesis	26½	26¾
Pall Corp	21½	22
Panhandle East	25	25¾
Parker Hannifin	57¾	57¾
Peco Energy	28¾	28¾
Penney (JC)	46¾	47¾
Pennzoil	48¾	49¾
Pepsico	47¾	49
Pfizer	88¾	88¾
Phelps Dodge	55¾	55¾
Philip Morris	72½	72¾
Phillips Pet	35¾	36¾
Pitney Bowes	37	37
Polaroid	36¾	36½
PriceCostco	13[illegible]	14½
Procter & Gmbl	70¾	71¾
Providian	35¾	36½
Pub Serv E & G	29¾	29¾
Quaker Oats	34¾	34½
Ralston Purina	49¾	50¾
Raychem Corp	36	36¾
Raytheon	76¾	77½
Reebok Intl	33¾	33¾
Reynolds Metals	48¾	49¾
Roadway Srvcs	46½	46¾
Rockwell Intl	44¾	45¾
Rohm & Haas	58¾	58¾
Royal Dutch	126	126¼
Rubbermaid	31½	31¾
SBC Comms	44½	45
Safeco Corp	58¾	58¾
St Paul's Cos	50¾	50¾
Salomon Inc	41	41
Santa Fe Pac	24½	12½
Sara Lee Corp	27¾	27¾
Seecorp	17¾	17¾
Schering Plough	78¾	78¾
Schlumberger	64¾	65
Scott Paper	43	43¾
Seagram	29¾	30
Sears Roebuck	56	56½
Shell Trans	75¾	74½
Sherwin Wllms	36¾	36¾
Skyline Corp	17½	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	35¾	35½
Southern Co	21½	22¾
Sprint Corp	33	33¾
Stanley Works	39¾	40
Sun Company	31¾	31½
Sun Microsys	45¾	45
Suntrust	57¾	58
Supervalu	28½	28¾
Sysco Corp	27¾	27¾
TRW Inc	78¾	78¾
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	13¾	13¾
Tandy Corp	46¾	46¾
Teledyne	24¾	24¾
Temple Inland	43½	43¾
Tenet Healthcare	16¾	16¾
Tenneco	48	48
Texaco	67¾	68¾
Texas Inst	119¾	115¾
Texas Utilities	35¾	36½
Textron	60	60¾
Time Warner	39¾	39¾
Times-Mirror A	23¾	23¾
Timken	42¾	42¾
Torchmark	39¾	39¾
Toys R Us	25¾	25¾
Transamerica	58¾	59¾
Travelers	42¾	42¾
Tribune	59¾	59¾
Tyco Labs	53¾	54½
UST Inc	28¾	29¾
UAL	115½	115
USX Marathon	20¾	19¾
Unicom	27¾	27¾
Unilever NV	126¾	127¾
Union Camp	51¾	51½
Union Carbide	29	29¾
Union Pacific	54¾	55¾
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAIR Group	9	8¾
USF&G Corp	16¾	17¾
US Life	39¾	40¾
US West	40¾	41¾
United Tech	76½	75¾
Unocal Corp	28¾	29¾
Upjohn	36¾	36¾
VF Corp	52¾	53¾
WMX Tech	27¾	27¾
Wal-Mart Stores	24¾	25
Warner-Lambert	82¾	82¾
Wells Fargo	182¾	184
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	43¾	43¾
Whirlpool	57	57¾
Whitman	18	18¾
Winn Dixie	55¾	57¾
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¾	45¾
Xerox	115¾	113¾
Yellow Corp	18¾	19

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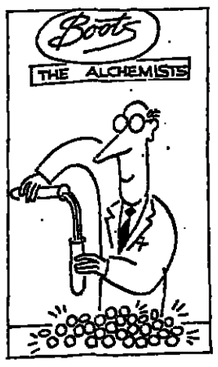
Don't bank on Bournemouth

PENSIONERS of Chase Manhattan Bank in Britain have been dealt a cruel and terrible blow in their twilight years. They have been sent an extract from an internal Chase memo advising all staff that "as a result of current pressure on expenses, the bank is unable to fund major employee events this year". The axe falls not only in America, but at all overseas locations. Chase Manhattan staff are already deep in their cups. They have been told that the bank will "not be able to finance the Independence Day celebrations and any Christmas events". But in 22 cruel words Chase tells its pensioners: "We felt we should keep you all informed," as some of you may have anticipated a coach trip to Bournemouth during July". In other words — the annual trip to the *seaside is off.*

Tony Clegg dies

TONY CLEGG, property tycoon of the 1980s who sold out of Mountleigh Group to US businessmen Nelson Peltz and Peter May at the top of the market in November 1989, died yesterday after a long illness. He was 58. He was one of life's "working-class heroes". He left school at 16, worked as a general dogsbody in his parents' two Manchester restaurants, and became a director of Mountain Mills in 1963. Three years later, that company was reversed into the quoted textile company Leigh Mills, hence Mountleigh. Between 1982 and 1988, Mountleigh's market capitalisation rose from £6 million to £372 million. He was awarded the OBE in this year's New Year's Honours Lists for services to the health sector.

MORE defections from NatWest Stockbrokers, where seven have now left in the past two weeks. Paul Neanor and Robert Stock, both with private client expertise, have joined Charles Stanley.



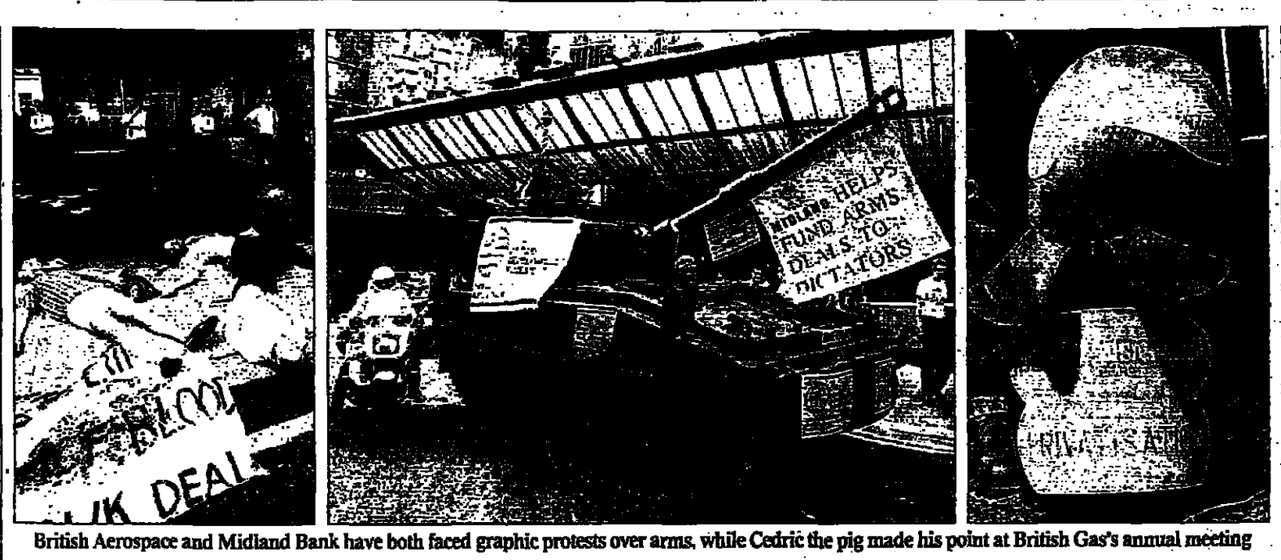
A nice gasman

HOWARD DALTON, an executive director of British Gas since January, 1992, take a bow. Dalton was the only director to be re-elected at Wednesday's stormy annual meeting on a show of hands. Why was this single honour reserved for him? As the shareholder who asked a complicated question told him: "You, sir, are the first director to give me a direct answer. I will vote for you." The truth as to why Dalton is a straight talker lies within his cv. Not only is Dalton an American, who hails from Rochester. But at British Gas, he is also responsible for Pipeline Integrity.

Bubbling over

WHAT a change from the British Gas annual meeting. At Chelsfield's meeting yesterday, chairman Elliott Bernerd was not only thanked by a representative of the Dudley Chamber of Commerce for the group's management of the Merry Hill shopping centre in the West Midlands, but another popped up with a magnum of champagne to toast the centre's success.

COLIN CAMPBELL



British Aerospace and Midland Bank have both faced graphic protests over arms, while Cedric the pig made his point at British Gas's annual meeting

Boards turn for help as Sid turns vicious

Graham Searjeant looks at how companies cope when the investors are revolting

A nightmare thought must have united the chairmen of Britain's leading companies over their morning newspapers yesterday. How could they avoid their annual meetings becoming the shambles that has made British Gas directors a laughing stock and the London Arena echo those of ancient Rome. After all, the chief executives of 48 of the top 100 quoted companies, most much smaller, are paid more than Cedric Brown, even after *that* pay rise. Many also know that, judged on financial performance, their shareholders have a lot more to complain about than the 1.4 million owners of British Gas.

If only the Myners committee had grasped the nettle, some may wish, they could be rid of this horrid prospect for ever. In February, this working party of City fund managers and company finance directors almost recommended that shareholders meetings should become voluntary. A minor change in company law could end the legal requirement to hold members' meetings each year and have chairmen dancing jigs of joy round the corridors of the Savoy Hotel. Paul Myners of Gartmore, the active institutional shareholder who led the committee, concluded that these formal meetings had become "an area of despair". All companies polled thought annual meetings a waste of time, ignored by *big shareholders and hijacked by* special interest groups. Many despise the ritual because, they argue, even genuine small shareholders merely ask silly questions or come for the free beer.

In the end, Mr Myners and his colleagues, dedicated to better relations between institutional investors and companies, stood back from the zero AGM option. Instead, they suggested, the average annual meeting should be a more organised, businesslike and informative occasion. Shareholders should be educated rather than patronised. Had the committee gone for the easy option, it would in any case have found that this change was politically impossible.

Even Lord Hanson, who tries to make his company's AGMS positive rallies, was dashed by a wave of criticism in 1993, when he tried to make modest reforms to Hanson's articles of association. The proposals, later withdrawn, would have allowed him to stop people kicking up rows, trying to unseat directors or demanding votes that were pointless because the chair had City investors' proxies.

Directors of companies who upset one interest or another often argue that they are ultimately responsible only to their shareholders. They then adopt a working assumption that their shareholders are only interested in the group's financial progress, the safety of its balance sheet, the prospects for profits and, most of all, the growth in dividends. In the case of institutional shareholders, who usually control about three quarters of the votes in big companies, this is generally true. Fund managers' contracts depend on the performance of the investments they choose. Even their growing interest in corporate governance, including pay, is largely concerned with financial performance and cutting risk. Not for them to agonise over the rain forests.

Among small shareholders, including cohorts of employee shareholders, other aspects of their company matter too — the way it presents itself to customers, how it treats staff, the quality of its products. Private shareholders are just as likely to be "green" or to care about the treatment of pensioners, as any other group in the population. Those who have been marginalised, their arguments blocked or ignored by multinationals' lack of accountability, have also become cleverer. If directors are responsible only to shareholders for their policies and behaviour, the way to make them accountable is to become shareholders.

The protest annual meeting was a creature of the *apartheid* years in South Africa. Now it has become commonplace. Within the past few weeks, British Aerospace has had its shareholders' attention drawn to civilian deaths caused by its Hawk aircraft in Indonesia. Barclays has been picketed by bankrupted small businessmen. Shell had its flag burnt to draw attention to the oppression of people round oil operations owned jointly with the Nigerian Government. Even the Hongkong & Shanghai banking group, which survived three quarters of a century before its first AGM question, was guarded by a tank telling shareholders that they had financed sales of arms to Iraq.

Protest remains, however, the exception. For many more company chairmen, the most worrying prospect is *that the AGM might* lack a quorum. British Gas was not the only big company to hold its annual meeting in London on Wednesday. While mayhem was raging in Docklands, Sir Alastair Morton was conducting a highly stage-managed event for Eurotunnel in Westminster, complete with giant video screens and translation both for the deaf and for French-speaking investors. Eurotunnel shareholders are almost as widely drawn as those of British Gas, but face tangible losses and receding hopes of dividends. They had more to complain about than most. Yet Sir Alastair faced only politely critical questioning and earned *warm applause. Things might* be awful, shareholders seemed to conclude, but the board was doing its best — and not doubling its own pay.

At a low-key meeting in a City livery hall, the Prudential encountered only token whingeing over alleged misselling of pensions. The little embarrassment of its chief executive's sudden departure was not raised. Shareholders did criticise the Kingfisher retail group's board over its financial performance, but there was no cheeky challenge to Sir Nigel Mobbs, its intimidatingly large chairman.

Perhaps these companies had accidentally discovered a British miniversion of the Japanese answer to annual meetings. Faced by blackmail from *yakuza* gangsters, who threatened to disrupt proceedings, Japanese combines hit back by holding their AGMs on the same day. The *yakuza* could not be everywhere at once.

The Tokyo solution is, however, almost as despairing as trying to abolish annual meetings. Rather, boards of big companies, especially utilities and those with far-flung operations, should take this ersatz new shareholder democracy more seriously.

One answer is to improve the annual meeting. Since most have no positive *purpose, anything that happens can* only be negative. The intelligent give protest its rein. The forward-looking should be organising a jamboree for shareholders. Why not hold it at the racecourse or fotoball ground where the board usually entertains itself and its friends on the back of corporate sponsorship? Why not turn it into a fair for the company's products or services? The serious-minded could at least bore shareholders into submission with endless video presentations and financial analyses.

Directors should also accept that protests such as those at British Gas are legitimate. The board may have the votes of fund managers. The British Gas affair, and others, suggest that these do not reflect the views of the underlying investors they supposedly represent, certainly on social issues such as pay, the environment, or even on the behaviour of the company abroad. Managers cannot satisfy all interests or conflicting lobbies, nor be straitjacketed by political correctness. Too often, however, they think they cannot take an ethical view because they are beholden to fund managers who feel bound by the same self-denying ordinance. The idea that shareholders would actually like managers to behave like rounded human beings rather than profit slaves could turn persecution to liberation.



Police form a cordon against protesters at Shell's annual meeting

Japanese cannot decide whether the worst is over

Analysts ponder some diverse options, reports **Gwen Robinson** from Tokyo

This year is turning out to be a *annus horribilis* for Japan. Not only has it been forced to contend with earthquakes and poison gas attacks, but the country is beset by deep underlying fears about the economy that have emerged from the obstinate surge of the yen and an increasingly bitter trade dispute with the United States.

Falling share prices, weak economic data, and recent revelations about the extent of bad loans dogging Japan's major banks have added to the deepening economic malaise. The debate among analysts and economic planners, which last year centred on the pace and extent of the fragile economic recovery, is now shifting to the question: Can Japan recover at all this year — or will it sink back into the grip of recession?

An analyst with a Tokyo securities firm said: "The central issue is what options has Japan got? In this current climate, we don't even know whether this country is going to be in a full-fledged trade war with the US by July, or whether the yen is going to be hitting 70 to the dollar. These factors would make a big difference to any economic outlook." Among the short-term palliatives are growing expectations that the central bank will further cut the official interest rate, already at a historic low of 1 per cent. That prospect, however, has failed to excite the stock market bears who foresee further share falls, rising unemployment and a shrinking GDP.

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The yen's modest fall on Thursday, following joint intervention by major central banks, also failed to encourage economists.

Jesper Koll, of J P Morgan in Tokyo, said: "The widening gap between the still optimistic government and more pessimistic private forecasters is highlighted by the Finance Ministry's *confirmation of an unchanged* official 1995 GDP forecast of 2.8 per cent."

The growing spectre of unemployment this week reinforced those fears, when the Government announced that Japan's unemployment rate had risen to an all-time high of 3.2 per cent. Many economists see the beginning of a fresh "bust cycle" in an economy that has still not recovered from the bursting of the speculative bubble in late 1989. Property prices have plummeted and prime property values are still falling as investors struggle to unload their assets amid a growing mountain of bad debt.

The true extent of the balance sheet problems in *the financial system* was highlighted last week. In the fiscal year that ended March 31, Japan's 11 major commercial banks (or "city banks"), posted aggregate pre-tax profits of 43.2 billion yen (£320 million) — a drop of 92.3 per cent. Profits from core banking business were down 13.5 per cent from last year. The Finance Ministry darkened the picture on Wednesday, revealing that bad loans left over from the 1980s at the 11 "city banks" amounted to 18.672 trillion yen at the end of the fiscal year 1994. The figure is about 230 per cent higher than the banks had initially revealed, but many financial analysts believe the actual *extent of* bad loans could be as much as 25 trillion yen. Against this backdrop, new concerns have been sparked by increasingly ugly rhetoric between Washington and Tokyo over trade in automobiles and auto parts. Labour and production reports and other economic data released this week were, without exception, worse than expected. These and other fears drove down Tokyo share prices on Wednesday to a record low of 15,437. Many analysts predict the index could soon fall to 14,000 points.

Eamonn Fingleton, author of *Blindside*, a book published yesterday in Britain about Japan's economy, argues that Japan will emerge stronger from its current financial and economic troubles. He said: "Every time the yen goes up there are great screams and *huge pessimism. But the* exchange rate, even when it's moving in the 80s-to-the-dollar, is not killing Japanese industry. The high yen is basically forcing companies to rise to the challenge, and every time the yen has surged in the past, Japan gets over it."



Market followers say Tokyo shares will still head south

BUSINESS LETTER

British ownership under threat from get-rich-quick strategies

From Mr Ernest F. Potter

Sir, On May 24 your correspondent weighed up potential bidders for Cable and Wireless. As a private shareholder with more than a small number of shares and with my former close association with the company, I am keenly interested in the share price, primarily as it reflects performance and results rather than its potential value to a bidder.

The sluggish performance of the share price over the past few years, accompanied by a progressive fall in the p/e, leads one to believe there may be truth in the thought that the present leadership "loves a deal" more than the greater effort required in running the company successfully.

While the company becomes "a sitting duck", the cash going into the pockets of those responsible for creating that situation increases significantly. Surely such levels of remuneration cannot be justified against the share price? Or is the strategy to get rich quickly and easily by making the company attractive to someone else? Would earnings levels linked to share prices include some relationship to the external perception of the ability of management and its understanding of the group operating environment as well as to current profits — which bear more relationship to the foundations laid and decisions made some years ago than to those of today?

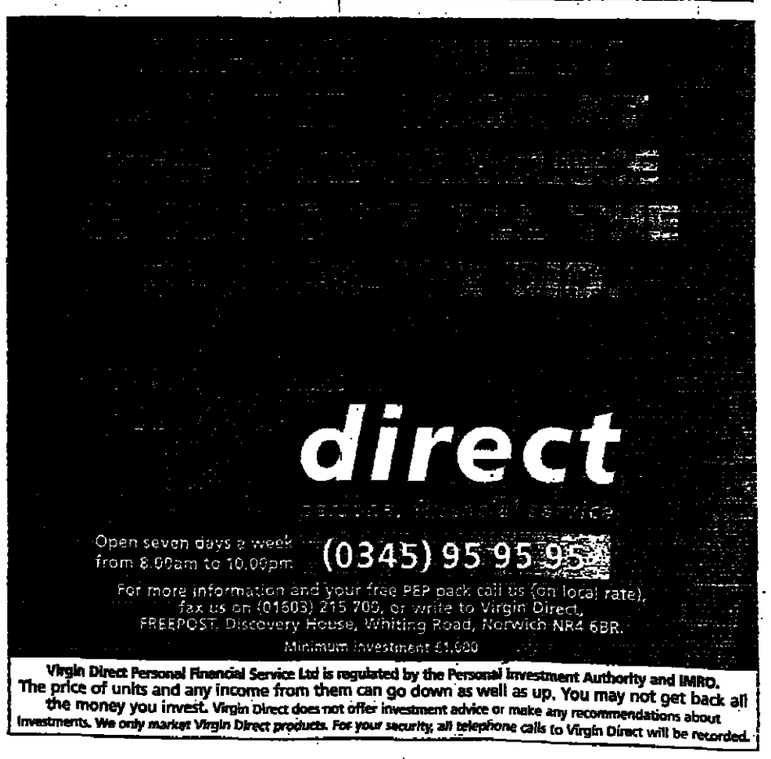
Infinite attention to all those aspects of business management in all parts of the business, where proper information in the centre shows clearly where and when top management must interfere, should avoid the all too frequent announcements of the need to write off yet another £100 million (or much more) *fundamentally* to correct former mistakes of the same management. Why was Telephone Rentals bought in the first place with a need now to write off more than £200 million? The first time the possible acquisition was raised it was firmly rejected on sound grounds. How have the Cable companies been able to replace Mercury as the main competitor to BT?

Co-operation, instead of competition, with BT (and others) in overseas markets would make a formidable opponent to foreign companies seeking to enter those markets. It should produce a wide range of benefits to each company and even greater benefits to the UK — always assuming the principals in each British company involved are men with wider *interests than their own back*yards and personal pockets. C&W was, and I hope is, a shining example of the way individuals of different nationalities and creeds can, and do, work together for the common good. Greater co-operation of British companies, preserving competition at home while offering a united front abroad and against foreign competition at home, must result in greater company success and improvement in the UK economy.

Surely the Government recognises the major benefits to the country in its keeping ownership in the UK? Apart from its major contribution to foreign currency earnings, C&W's global operations put it in a unique position to be of value to Great Britain in ways other than the stimulation of international trade for other UK companies — as has happened in the past in the Far East. It would be a major loss to Great Britain to see C&W in foreign ownership.

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
482	413	Abbey Nat	428	+ 3	4.6	9.7
300	250	Allied Irish	300	+ 2	4.6	8.7
247	198	Aus New Z	215	- 9	6.1	6.8
2800	2531½	Bank Americart	2697½	+ 6½	...	...
2030	1815	Bank Scotland	2017	+ 2	3.4	9.6
899	557½	Barclays	882	+ 6	3.8	7.4
2951	2800	Bk of Ireland	2911	+ 3	4.6	...
521	418	Clear Allan	520	+ 2	6.9	10.7
3375	2650	Citicorp	3375	+118½	...	...
578	518	Close Bros	577		3.6	12.5
5162½	5120½	Commercial	5150½	+130	3.9	...
1575	959½	Dbl Ichi Kan Y	1161½	+ 6½	0.5	...
2650	2550	Deutsche Bk	2590½	+ 19½	2.4	...
881½	612½	Espirito Santo	868		10.2	...
1611	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1451½	+ 10½	0.4	...
490	395	Gerrard Nat	469	- 2	6.5	13.3
453	195	Hambros	294	+ 2	4.3	12.7
884	589	HSBC	843	+ 21	4.6	12.9
844	575	HSBC Hk	843	+ 21	4.8	12.8
421	288	Irish Perm	421	+ 3	2.4	7.4
498	365	Joseph (L)	363		6.1	10.6
1620	1129	Kng Shaxson	1180	- 1	0.7	11.5
700	539½	Kleinwort Ben	695	+ 1	3.7	11.5
888	538	Lloyds	882	- 2	4.9	11.8
2650	2150	Lloyds Bank	2625	- 2	6.5	8.9
479	414	Nat Aust Bk	474	- 2	6.5	8.9
464	364	Nat West	347	+ 6½	4.9	9.2
2150	2100	Ottoman Bank	2425		6.5	3.4
67	51	Rea Bros	51		2.5	16.2
433	373½	Rlt Bk Scott	424	- 1	4.4	9.7
1145	906½	Rothschild	1135	- 3	1.5	16.2
979½	859½	Schroders NV	958	- 10	1.8	13.4
96	81	Singer & Friedl	96	+ 1	4.6	9.8
268	246	Standd Chartd	264		2.8	10.8
233	217	TSB	230	+ 1	3.4	10.9
106	70	Union	98		3.8	13.5
883	655	Warburg SBY	740	+ 4	3.7	...
21150	20424	Wells Fargo	21150	+412½	2.3	...
252½	211	Westpac	229½	- ½	2.3	...
335	280	Wintrust	313	+ 8	6.9	...

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
173	143	Accnt Hldgs	164	+ 4	4.7	14.0
556	487	Allied	537	+ 2	4.6	12.7
341	239	Bockington	291	+ 2	3.9	14.5
172	137	Burtwood Brw	137	- 1	4.7	11.5
177	137	Eldridge P 'A'	165		3.3	19.6
61	51	Fosters Brewing	55		3.3	15.7
385	335	Fstr Sn 'A'	385	+ 5	2.6	15.6
483	402	Greenalls Gpt	477	+ 2	3.5	13.8
488	388	Greene King	483	+ 2	3.1	14.5
345	295	Hardy Hanos	336		4.6	12.5
168	156	Hansons	160		3.5	11.3
3455	3145	Holt Jr	3173		2.1	17.3
233	203	Marstons	230	+ 2	2.2	16.3
315	268	Mason Thmp	306		2.5	14.9
503	480	Morland	503	+ 3	2.8	14.7
6½		Paramount	7½		4.1	17.7
394	367	Regent Inns	393	+ 2	1.9	22.5
1881½	1287½	SA Breweries	1775		1.9	...
566	482	Scot & Newc A	5357½		4.1	15.3
247	211	Vaux (Group)	247	+ 2	5.0	13.9
533	448	Watrfrdcmbe JD	528	+ 1½	1.7	24.4
668	621	Whitbread A	656	+ 2	4.2	15.5
2650	2400	Whitbread D	2531	+ 1	4.2	15.5
565	486	Yates Bros	545	- 1	1.9	19.3
475	450	Young 'A'	463		4.1	...

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	145		4.5	10.6
178	143	Allen	178		4.0	16.5
78	56	Amec	68	+ 1	5.5	15.6
135	105	Andrews Sykes	130	- 3	...	...
452	415	Arnold	445		1.6	19.9
105	79	Avocado	79		7.0	9.2
38	30	Bailey (Geo) Cont	31		4.2	7.6
96	85	Barcom	92	+ 4	...	...
198	158	Barrett Dev	198	+ 4	4.1	13.7
152	122	Bencer Homes	147	+ 3	4.6	11.6
240	188	Berkeley	231		3.8	11.8
31	27	Bethlehem	30		9.8	15.5
387	307	Bett Bros Gp	380		2.4	12.3
185	168	Bett Brost	185	+ 5	3.4	15.3
245	195	Blst (Henry)†	243		4.2	10.0
129	93	Brandon Hire†	115		2.0	19.7
160	129	Br Bldg & Eng	130		8.5	15.5
134	105	Bryant	130	+ 1	4.9	12.3
121	98	CALA	120		3.1	13.7
38	29	Campbell & Asm	38		...	...
54	49	Clarke T	54		9.4	13.4
118	90	Costain	115½		6.5	11.5
110	81	Countryside	82		6.5	11.5
51	39	Crst Nicholson	73		3.4	10.2
80	60	Crossrail	65		5.5	7.1
25	18	Edmond Hldgs	25		0.8	...
279	185	Evr Group	225		6.1	9.2
29	16	Caldford	16	- 1	7.8	...
99	85	Gibbs & Dandy	88		4.3	...
663	628	Glencrse (NUV)	628		2.2	15.8
68	58	Green (Eng)	59		10.2	18.5
216	178	Hamblin Smrf	216		1.7	19.4
183	138	Hemdon-Skantt	183	+ 2	2.3	17.7
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	86	+ ½	3.5	...
22	16	Howard Hldgs	16		8.2	12.2
9		Ibstock	18	+ ½	...	...
126	98	Ketter	121		3.3	12.4
233	185	Lang (JH)	229	+ 1	5.4	25.8
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	94		9.5	...
124	115	Low Cvdsdale	115		5.8	12.2
61	52	Lovell (Y.J)	61		3.3	4.7
210	195	Manners (J)	195	+ 1	3.5	10.8
181	136	McAlpine (A)	173	+ 2	4.3	...
60	48	McCarthy & S	58			16.3
61	51	Morgan Sindall	58	+ 2	...	...
80	70	Morrison (JH)	71	+ ½	3.5	12.1
216	153	Persimmon	212		5.6	13.5
2400	1700	Pochin	1800		2.2	13.5
126	105	Prestidge	124		3.8	...
53	23	Rathe Ind	30		10.4	6.2
137	93	Secom Newart	96		2.6	...
137	93	Redpw	127	+ 3	2.7	14.9
77	49	Scrtg-Pwr	72		1.7	22.1
396	352	Sherill Hldgs	369	+ 1	1.9	19.4
114½	86	Shanpol	93		5.1	11.0
318	258	Speyside	305		1.0	21.2
176	155	Ty Homes	162		5.1	11.3
138	114	Taylor Woodrw	117		2.4	21.3
568	435	Tilbury (Douglas)	545	+ 2	3.2	18.2
41	30	Tms Hldg	39	+ 2	2.6	20.3
20	16	Try Group	18		6.9	25.3
105	100	Vibroplant	100		4.7	17.8
116	97	Wakefield	112		5.5	12.1
97	77	Wates Hldgs	97	+ 1	4.1	9.6
161	123	Westbury†	160	+ 1	4.5	...
½	½	Wiggins	½			...
173	124	Wilson (Cn)†	168	+ 1	3.4	12.4
355	308	Wilson Bowdn	353	- 1	3.6	13.8
138	113	Wimpey G	132	+ 1	5.2	16.8

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3	1½	Argos Ltd	1½			...
86	57	Aqs Hldg	76			...
7½	6½	Bizsery (Dir)	6½			...
95	45	Black Arrow	55		7.5	8.4
68	68	Br Bloodstock	74			65.5
5		Cartel Op	5½			...
6½	4	Chemex	5½		2.3	17.2
153	115	Corall	153		6.8	20.1
245	215	Fretlin	234		3.1	21.9
43	23	Hoskins	38		3.1	14.4
324	248	Hunnicott	320		3.0	16.4
189	132	Lagn	142		6.9	12.7
231	170	Natn Cs	170	- 2	5.3	9.6
355	270	Photo-Me	351		2.6	24.0
68	53	Plant & Gen	61		5.6	...
11	7	Rotaprint	8			...
95	73	Staples & McEwan	94½	+ 2	2.8	...
190	160	Sumner (Sam)	190	- 1	4.6	14.6
414	361	Waste Mgt Intl	395	- 1		9.9

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
186	154	Abrkss & Clr	159	- 1	4.0	...
135	109	Allied Colloids	131½	- ½	2.3	18.6
785	780	Amber Ind	783		3.4	15.5
1442½	1120½	BASF DM	1134½	- 20½	3.5	...
905	629	BOC	795		3.9	16.5
303	256	BTP	273	+ 3	3.9	15.8
1760½	1241½	Bayer DM50	1355	+137½	3.7	...
126	103	Blagden	123			14.1
118	101	Brent Chems	117		4.5	16.2
369	310	Br Vita	369	+ 2	3.6	18.8
34	30	Cambridge Isa	34			...
218	184	Cattanach (W)	214	+ 1	4.3	14.8
479½	401	Chemikalia	473	- 4	4.2	18.2
387½	320	Crodal	384	+ 2	3.1	17.3
209	175	Dodfed	194	- 2	3.4	16.5
98	58	Fine Cotton	95	- 3	2.5	24.5
134	114	Gibbons	134	+ 3	4.9	12.2
145	120	Hickson†	139½	+ 1½	4.9	12.4
1145½	1123½	Hoechst	1139½	+ 14½	3.7	...
221	169	Holliday Chem	202	+ 1	2.8	15.7
688	660	ICI	1139		4.1	17.5
1	97½	Ilkem	98		4.1	16.8
620	520	Lancstr	564	+ 3	3.7	16.6
75	75	Lilfd	81	+ 1	2.3	14.3
363	303	Mgmtext	354		3.9	16.7
38	38	Matrotec	38		9.0	6.5
4885	3825	Monsanto	4485		4.2	21.4
162	141	Perstrp	162		3.7	23.7
188	156	Scapa	174		3.5	18.5
18	16	Sutcliffe Speak	18		6.9	10.7
8094	6094	Tokyo Chem	8094	+ 194	1.2	9.6
375	315	Victrex Sanyo†	375	+ 35	5.8	18.6
196	186	Wellington Hdg	195		3.1	15.1
838	728	Wilkinson H	838		3.1	16.8
374	328	Yorks Chem	374	+ 3	2.9	16.7
300	236	Yule Catto	300	+ 4	2.9	17.2

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
116	91	Abl Lea	115	- 1	4.5	13.1
595	525	Adam & Harvey	540		3.6	6.8
21	15	Alexanders	19		5.3	6.1
113	86	Applegrn	105		6.7	13.2
24½	3½	Arb Br Eng	3½		1.7	28.8
595	518	BBA Group	534		3.8	14.9
24½	18	Blacknn Powrs	18		6.6	9.4
29	23	Bogod 'A'	23		6.9	10.5
406	345	Brammer	395		4.3	...
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	18		1.4	...
96	86	Bill Phimpg	86		4.4	13.1
88	58	Brown & Tawse	87		...	...
33	33	Burndene	33		6.3	...
2210	215	Calleva	2150	- 6	4.6	38.4
88	66	Capital Mtr	74		4.6	49.3
1	1	Cash (UK)	1		3.8	14.7
594	504	Cash Conv	504	+ 2	4.0	12.1
1611	1192	Cash Inv Y	1451½	+ 10½	0.4	...
480	395	Cater Allen	480		4.6	12.3
1844	1695	Chemical Ind	1695		4.4	...
1611	1192	Cookson	1451½	+ 10½	0.4	...
480	395	Coward Hat	469	- 2	6.5	13.3
453	195	Hardcros	294	+ 2	4.3	12.7
844	589	HSBC	843	+ 21	4.6	12.9
844	575	HSBC Hk	843	+ 21	4.8	12.8
421	288	Irish Perm	421	+ 3	2.4	7.4
498	365	Joseph (L)	363		6.1	10.6
1620	1129	Kng Shaxson	1180	- 1	0.7	11.5
700	539½	Kleinwort Ben	695	+ 1	3.7	11.5
888	538	Lloyds	882	- 2	4.9	11.8
121	98	CALA	120		3.1	13.7
38	29	Campbell & Asm	38		...	...
54	49	Clarke T	54		9.4	13.4
118	90	Costain	115½		6.5	11.5
110	81	Countryside	82		6.5	11.5
51	39	Crst Nicholson	73		3.4	10.2
80	60	Crossrail	65		5.5	7.1
25	18	Edmond Hldgs	25		0.8	...
279	185	Evr Group	225		6.1	9.2
29	16	Caldford	16	- 1	7.8	...
99	85	Gibbs & Dandy	88		4.3	...
663	628	Glencrse (NUV)	628		2.2	15.8
68	58	Green (Eng)	59		10.2	18.5
216	178	Hamblin Smrf	216		1.7	19.4
183	138	Hemdon-Skantt	183	+ 2	2.3	17.7
93	73	Higgs & Hill†	86	+ ½	3.5	...
22	16	Howard Hldgs	16		8.2	12.2
9		Ibstock	18	+ ½	...	...
126	98	Ketter	121		3.3	12.4
233	185	Lang (JH)	229	+ 1	5.4	25.8
97	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	94		9.5	...
124	115	Low Cvdsdale	115		5.8	12.2
61	52	Lovell (Y.J)	61		3.3	4.7
210	195	Manners (J)	195	+ 1	3.5	10.8
181	136	McAlpine (A)	173	+ 2	4.3	...
60	48	McCarthy & S	58			16.3
61	51	Morgan Sindall	58	+ 2	...	...
80	70	Morrison (JH)	71	+ ½	3.5	12.1
216	153	Persimmon	212		5.6	13.5
2400	1700	Pochin	1800		2.2	13.5
126	105	Prestidge	124		3.8	...
53	23	Rathe Ind	30		10.4	6.2
137	93	Secom Newart	96		2.6	...
137	93	Redpw	127	+ 3	2.7	14.9
77	49	Scrtg-Pwr	72		1.7	22.1
396	352	Sherill Hldgs	369	+ 1	1.9	19.4
114½	86	Shanpol	93		5.1	11.0
318	258	Speyside	305		1.0	21.2
176	155	Ty Homes	162		5.1	11.3
138	114	Taylor Woodrw	117		2.4	21.3
568	435	Tilbury (Douglas)	545	+ 2	3.2	18.2
41	30	Tms Hldg	39	+ 2	2.6	20.3
20	16	Try Group	18		6.9	25.3
105	100	Vibroplant	100		4.7	17.8
116	97	Wakefield	112		5.5	12.1
97	77	Wates Hldgs	97	+ 1	4.1	9.6
161	123	Westbury†	160	+ 1	4.5	...
½	½	Wiggins	½			...
173	124	Wilson (Cn)†	168	+ 1	3.4	12.4
355	308	Wilson Bowdn	353	- 1	3.6	13.8
138	113	Wimpey G	132	+ 1	5.2	16.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
175	149	Adwest	175	+ 1	5.5	15.1
333	236	Aerospace†	293		1.7	29.1
9654	7297	Amer Brnds	7765	- 5	2.6	...
348	291	BTR	344	+ 2	3.6	14.9
600	495	BAT†	597	+ 5	5.5	12.5
5700	216	Bensted Int	247	+ 1	0.3	58.4
99	71	Bilton Utd	95	- 1	7.8	17.1
99	84	Bunzl Plc	95		4.2	17.7
895	743	Charter	894	+ 5	3.4	14.5
246	185	Cookson	245	+ ½	3.6	15.5
2430	2191	Hawtin	2262	+ 4	0.5	11.7
3300	2750	Electrocm 'B'	2918½	+ 21½	3.7	5.1
344	34	Enodis	34½		0.4	...
4795	3300	Emerson 'B'	4695½	+ 87½	2.6	29.8
79	64	Eurocopy	72		3.5	14.4
458	370	Eurotherm	456	+ 6	1.5	33.7
449	373	Fairey Group†	446		2.0	19.7
314	173	Fitzroy Cont	314	+ 5	2.0	65.0
373	195	Forward Gp	368		2.8	...
550	447	Powell Duffryn	544	+ 6	5.9	19.4
142	103	Ropner	142		7.3	12.5
153	153	Rotork	153		3.9	25.5
550	447	Powell Duffryn	544	+ 6	5.9	19.4
142	103	Ropner	142		7.3	12.5
153	153	Rotork	153		3.9	25.5
111	97	Spirepark Mtr	111		4.5	13.2
414	364	Stats Hutchsn	414		4.5	12.2
630	512	Tarmac Ord†	624		7.4	17.1
88	68	Tilt Indust	88		4.5	...
111	88	Sandoen	111		4.5	...
73	51	Wassall	73		4.5	...
2550	2150	Williams Hldg	2550		3.5	16.4

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
850	554	Eccl Midlands	838		5.4	26.9
800	535	Eastern Elec	798	- 3	4.8	14.0
789	548	London Elec	644	- 1	4.8	9.8
675	545	Manweb	675		5.0	10.0
837	663	Midlands Elec	644		4.8	9.9
486	421½	National Power	471	+ 4	4.2	9.8
382	298½	Nat Power PIP	374	+ 3	3.9	10.6
1132½	715	Northern Elec	794	+ 8	4.3	9.2
371	313	Nthn Ireland	369	+ 15	4.7	8.6
857	611	Norweb	794	- 5	4.5	8.1
542	457½	PowerGen	507	+ 6	3.8	10.0
218	178½	Powergen (P/P)	217	+ 6	3.4	11.7
330	303	Hydro-Elect	329	+ 2	4.9	10.5
330	309½	Scottish Power	327	+ 3	5.2	9.8
484	384	Seebourd	379	+ 3	4.1	10.3
912	630	Sth Wales	704	- 4	5.2	9.5
888	683	Sth Western	852	- 5	4.7	8.9
1035	548	Southern Elec	1027	- 5	4.7	8.5
909	599	Yorkshire Elec	678	+ 5	5.1	11.6

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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
329	292	Acal	328		2.6	17.8
99½	77½	Acorn Comp	92½		...	...
655	625	Admtch	655		1.5	20.2
226	195	Alba	226		2.8	17.5
221	127½	Amstrad	220	- ½	1.4	...
41	30	Anson	39		2.6	21.3
99	77	Aotect	99		1.5	16.9
181	116	Azlan	179	+ 2	2.1	14.5
364	297	BICC†	338	+ 3	4.6	17.2
238	225	Bowthorpe	238		3.3	16.3
485	420	Brck	485		3.0	16.3
365½	264	Bowthorpe†	356	+ 3	2.9	18.0
24	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	22½	- ½	2.3	...
391	148	CML Micro	152		4.9	9.9
28	20	Channel Hldgs	25		1.7	...
19	10	Chloride	19½		1.9	55.3
75	61	Clayhithe	65		5.1	...
190	165	Coverpace	168	+ 3	6.2	...
170	159	Day Elect	159		4.7	7.7
535	461	Dialog	532		2.0	22.4
440	330	Diplix Sc Sys	395	+ 13	0.6	...
521	421	Dwtrt	518	+ 4	3.7	16.7
295	216	Electrnc Rntl	247		1.5	20.6
895	743	Charter	894	+ 5	3.4	14.5
246	185	Cookson	245	+ ½	3.6	15.5
2430	2191	Hawtin	2262	+ 4	0.5	11.7
3300	2750	Electrocm 'B'	2918½	+ 21½	3.7	5.1
344	34	Enodis	34½		0.4	...
4795	3300	Emerson 'B'	4695½	+ 87½	2.6	29.8
79	64	Eurocopy	72		3.5	14.4
458	370	Eurotherm	456	+ 6	1.5	33.7
449	373	Fairey Group†	446		2.0	19.7
314	173	Fitzroy Cont	314	+ 5	2.0	65.0
373	195	Forward Gp	368		2.8	...
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111	88	Sandoen	111		4.5	...
73	51	Wassall	73		4.5	...
2550	2150	Williams Hldg	2550		3.5	16.4

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
215	167	AMI	208			27
80	47	APPT	74½	- ½		12.1
234½	178	ASD†	234½	+ 4½	3.1	43.2
97	77	Aero Hanode	97			15
41	30	Aesan	39			26.3
96	74	Aotect	96			16.9
181	116	Aztec	179	+ 2	2.1	14.5
364	297	BICC†	338	+ 3	4.6	17.2
238	225	Bowthorpe	238		3.3	16.3
485	420	Brck	485		3.0	16.3
365½	264	Bowthorpe†	356	+ 3	2.9	18.0
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19	10	Chloride	19½		1.9	55.3
75	61	Clayhithe	65		5.1	...
190	165	Coverpace	168	+ 3	6.2	...
170	159	Day Elect	159		4.7	7.7
535	461	Dialog	532		2.0	22.4
440	330	Diplix Sc Sys	395	+ 13	0.6	...
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88	68	Tilt Indust	88		4.5	...
111	88	Sandoen	111		4.5	...
73	51	Wassall	73		4.5	...
2550	2150	Williams Hldg	2550		3.5	16.4

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
368	258	AAH Hdgs	440	+ 1	...	...
269	155	Ashtead Stmnt†	268		3.7	...
161	132	Assg Drmn	161		4.9	9.6
510	440	Avon Rubber	508		2.5	14.2
244	181	BBA	240½	+ ½	2.5	...
71		BSG	67½		5.9	13.6
24	17	Bamford	24		4.7	22.2
13½	10	Bamford 'B'	13		4.7	22.2
1859½	1295½	Bamford Lord	1712½	- 37½	3.6	16.1
105	92	Bardon Inc Mat	105		4.8	33.6
179	142	Lloyd Thomp	177	- 1	5.8	12.5
411	317	Lloyds Abbey	393	+ 3	6.7	13.2
353	303	London & Mnyd	352	+ 2	6.1	14.3
105	92	London Int Mtl	96½		2.6	33.8
24	17	Lowndes Lem	17½		5.5	10.2

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01895 259 783				
Grolnd Amer	172.55	182.50	+4.50	0.24
Grolnd Eqty	244.60	260.20†	+3.20	2.40
Grolnd Euro	213.60	228.20	-1.20	0.10
Grolnd Expt Gst	115.78	119.90		3.14
Grolnd Gilt	75.85	78.28	-0.09	5.23
Grolnd Japan	149.00	157.70	...	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	564.70	600.80	+6.50	2.70
General Inc	492.20	523.70	+4.70	2.79
UK Growth Acc	381.60	406.00†	+4.10	2.88
UK Growth Inc	252.70	274.20†	+2.80	2.88
Higher Inc Acc	787.70	792.90†	+6.90	4.00
Higher Inc Inc	402.10	427.80†	+4.00	4.00
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	193.70	204.80	-0.50	5.71
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	91.43	98.57	-0.24	5.71
Nth America	281.80	299.90†	+5.80	...
Europe	280.10	300.70	-1.10	0.81
Brit Excell	75.98	80.83†	-0.23	3.02
Brit Fxdrnls Acc	166.10	112.90	-0.50	4.08
Brit Fxdrnls Inc	78.89	80.95	+0.43	4.08
Global Opps	87.40	92.98†	+0.73	0.47
Balanced Acc	56.30	59.98†	+0.39	3.00
Balanced Inc	54.54	58.03†	+0.36	3.00
Japan Acc	44.14	46.98	-0.70	...
Pac Basin Acc	378.20	402.40	+8.90	0.76
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	129.80	137.70†	-2.40	7.26
High Inc Equity	166.60	178.30	+1.60	4.42
Worldwide Bond	282.80	300.00†	-8.50	4.33
Capital Growth				
American Growth	292.30	313.30	+8.40	.82
Asian Pacific	318.90	339.30	+6.20	
Assets & Earnings	272.80	290.70†	+3.30	2.71
Commodity & Energy	94.15	100.70	+1.22	.13
Euro Capital Inc	140.70	150.50	-0.70	.64
(Accum Units)	151.90	161.40	-0.80	.64
General	243.90	259.50	+2.90	2.10
Japan	111.80	119.60	-1.00	
Mastertrust	143.40	153.40	+0.80	1.76
UK Growth Dist	119.60	127.30	-0.20	3.02
US Emerging Cos	131.50	140.60	+3.60	
Income & Growth	397.90	422.90†	+5.10	2.96
Ethical	67.92	72.25†	-1.39	2.88
International	114.70	121.40	+1.20	.86
Dividend & Growth	62.79	66.80	-0.66	4.21
Global Cash & Sec	67.88	72.43	+0.03	2.69
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£18.11	£18.21	-19.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	47.30	49.11	+1.26	0.62
Cash	50.01	50.01†	-0.51	5.85
Emerging Mkt	68.50	72.47	+0.82	0.85
European	117.10	122.40	-0.70	
Exempt	998.30	£10.58	+5.60	1.76
Extra Income	46.48	49.70†	-0.37	6.06
Far East Emrg Ecn	119.50	126.60	+2.90	0.49
Fixed Interest	22.66	23.79†	+0.08	8.69
Fund Inv Tst	166.00	174.70	+9.30	0.91
Japan	174.50	183.40	-2.80	
Latin American	49.22	51.66	+0.24	0.94
Pacific	76.56	80.73	+1.59	0.33
Property Share	63.35	66.49	+0.51	2.05
UK Emerging Cos	63.26	66.41	+0.02	1.86
UK Growth	45.24	47.98	+0.40	2.45
Amer World Port	74.01	75.25†	+0.85	2.18
Ethical	63.67	66.83†	-0.14	2.64
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.56	49.56†	-0.63	7.58
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	88.73	92.28†	+0.12	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	75.77	80.39	+0.44	2.54
Income Builder Inc	70.38	74.87†	-0.57	2.95
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	240.30	258.80	+1.80	3.04
Capital	421.10	450.10	+1.90	1.84
Balanced	699.90	748.10†	-4.90	2.66
Accumulator	£13.14	£14.04	+8.00	2.69
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.97	53.41	+0.09	3.33
High Income	409.60	437.80	+2.10	3.53
Equity Income	230.90	246.80	+1.10	3.38
High Yield	245.60	262.50†	+1.30	3.31
Govt Securities	33.56	35.45†	+0.05	5.96
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	156.40	167.10	+1.20	0.42
European Growth	35.98	38.37	-0.09	0.91
International	159.70	170.50†	+0.60	0.19
Japan	181.00	192.70†	-0.10	0.01
Pacific	378.30	404.40	+2.70	0.81
Secs of America	448.80	477.40	+3.30	0.48
Worldw Asset Val	48.13	51.45	+0.16	0.23
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	539.30	578.60†	+2.70	2.21
Conv & Gilt	43.64	46.65	+0.30	4.97
Smaller Cos	171.10	182.90	-0.10	1.21
2nd Smaller Cos	161.90	173.00	-0.10	1.40
Recovery	142.10	151.90†	+0.60	1.72
Met Min & Cmdy	150.10	160.40†	+0.30	0.74
Oseas Earnings	362.90	387.80†	+2.70	1.74
Technology	172.80	184.70	+1.20	0.01
UK Special Sits	482.20	515.40	+2.80	1.60
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	103.70	107.70	+1.10	3.84
Foundtn Persl Pnsc	82.98	86.43	+0.30	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	73.78	78.47	+0.64	2.07
International	63.28	67.32	...	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	283.50	283.30	+4.00	
Bond	115.30	121.40	-0.10	6.77
Brit Smlr Cos	102.60	109.10	+0.40	1.73
Conv & Gen	65.95	70.16†	+0.27	5.60
Europe	225.70	240.00	-0.40	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	100.20	106.70	-0.40	0.60
Income Gwth	340.50	362.20	-1.10	4.27
Japan	283.20	300.80	+0.80	
Latin American	66.34	70.57	+0.51	
Pacific	110.00	117.00	+2.90	1.27
UK Smllr Cos	54.98	58.48	+0.13	1.33
Japan Fd	608.80	627.30	+0.30	
Mngd Fd	176.00	187.00†	+1.20	3.22
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	295.00	310.60		0.99
Capital Gwth	113.10	118.90		2.76
Wwide Opps	185.30	195.10		1.04
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	354.20	368.90†	+4.10	2.92
European Bd Inc	92.04	95.30	-0.25	7.15
Europe	75.26	79.49†	-0.78	4.32
Financial	76.42	81.73†	-0.71	3.90
500	447.30	483.60	+2.30	2.59
General	279.40	299.10	-3.20	2.87
Property	241.40	262.30†		6.67
Trustee	188.50	201.40	+1.90	2.42
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70		5.32
Extra Income	120.80	129.20	+1.10	4.13
Gilt & Fxd Int	37.89	39.84†	-0.06	8.47
Income	533.90	571.90	-5.0	3.90
Income Builder	63.58	67.64	-0.44	4.72
Intl Income	63.77	67.64	+0.78	3.49
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	121.10	129.20	+1.60	2.56
Leisure	130.40	139.50	+1.30	1.45
Recovery	431.40	461.40	+4.90	2.81
Smllr Cos Inc	45.55	48.84	+0.11	2.29
Special Sits	290.50	310.70	+3.10	1.68
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.40	140.50†	+3.10	0.60
Aust Acc	230.00	244.70	+7.40	2.08
Aust Inc	141.50	150.50	+2.10	2.08
Euro Gwth Inc	155.80	165.20	-1.20	1.05
(Accum Units)	166.50	176.80	-1.20	1.05
Japan & Gen Inc	158.30	167.60	-1.80	
(Accum Units)	160.10	169.50	-1.80	
Japan Spec Sits	72.17	76.45	-0.81	
Unv Tech Inc	80.35	85.69	-0.52	0.04
Worldwide	168.10	178.50	+1.90	0.94
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	95.76	101.00	-2.85	
Amer Smllr Cos	130.60	139.30	-2.90	
Convertible	53.24	57.32	-0.35	5.70
Eastern	297.10	311.00	-8.60	0.30
Equity Income	85.15	91.60†	+1.17	4.90
European Growth	309.00	329.20†	-1.10	0.80
Europe	319.00	339.30	-1.60	0.20
German Growth	76.85	81.38	-0.59	0.50
Global Bond	64.20	67.68	-0.34	6.20
Global Growth	125.80	134.30	+1.40	
Japan Growth	177.90	185.40	-0.30	
Japan Special	139.00	147.20	-0.20	
Korea Trust	73.41	80.05	+1.84	
Portfolio	132.00	141.30	+1.60	2.10
(Accum Units)	242.90	259.00	-1.70	2.10
UK Growth	85.77	91.99	-1.13	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	81.70	89.07†	-0.41	1.80
Select Managers	76.22	81.73	-0.43	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	73.13	73.93		
Sov Val Opps Inc	56.41	60.02		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 221 8020				
Balanced Growth	110.03	116.43		1.87
(Accum Units)	124.62	132.08		1.87
Smaller Cos	108.94	115.28†		1.28
Higher Yield	45.20	48.50		4.80
American Gth Inc	73.73	76.97		
European Growth	136.09	144.01		0.25
(Accum Units)	138.77	146.85		0.25
Global Fixed Inc	25.66	27.63†		6.95
Mngd Ptflio Inc	42.31	44.75		1.54
(Accum Units)	43.13	45.62		1.54
Intl Spec Opps	115.76	122.50		
Pacific Gth	129.74	136.23		
UK General	74.07	78.61		3.60
(Accum Units)	79.94	84.60		3.60
Japan	54.88	58.07		
Gilt & Fixed Int	97.28	100.81†		7.88
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.33	65.16	-0.01	6.39
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Eurotrust	158.30	168.50†	-0.70	1.73
UK Growth	177.60	194.90	-2.30	2.47
UK Income	134.20	142.70	+0.90	4.38
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	191.90	203.40	-2.40	1.95
-do- Income Dist	109.00	115.50†	+1.60	4.33
(Accum Units)	336.60	356.20	-2.50	4.39
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.70	43.24	-0.03	6.29
Growth Units	209.00	220.30	-2.90	2.25
Bond	173.70	183.00	-0.30	6.42
Intl Growth	211.50	225.10	-2.70	0.35
North American	183.93	209.00	-3.50	0.43
Far East	202.05	301.60	-2.40	1.24
UK Smaller Cos	160.00	172.30	-0.90	1.63
European	83.91	89.12	-0.47	0.35
Japanese Growth	45.51	48.42	-0.51	
High Income	193.73	207.20	-2.60	4.00
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 837 7433 Enq 0161 837 7433 Dlg 0161 837 7435				
American & Gen	162.10	172.53	-4.60	
European Inc	80.52	85.34	-0.24	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-11)	83.03	88.23	-0.34	1.96
Growth	432.90	460.60	-4.70	2.20
Income & Growth	418.44	445.60	-4.00	3.87
(Accum Units)	597.60	635.80	-5.70	3.87
Japan & Gen	67.16	71.25	-0.09	
Global Portfolio	£101.64	£105.26†	+£1.30	2.45
(Accum Units)	£121.30	£126.34	+£6.00	2.45
Special Sits	99.41	105.76	-1.30	2.16
High Yield	£13.34	£13.78†	+£1.00	4.41
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	85.67	91.41	+0.50	2.46
American Portfolio	95.09	101.28†	+0.16	1.15
European Portfolio	98.91	105.24	-0.23	0.75
Japanese Portfolio	60.58	64.35	-0.42	...

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	139.62	158.15†	+2.97	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	77.48	83.16	+0.51	3.29
Utility & Bond	54.43	55.08	+0.09	7.12
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	664.89	687.10	...	4.85
Fxd In Sec	147.90	148.00	...	9.73
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 6000				
UK General Tst	65.29	69.46	+0.71	2.96
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	654.78	663.17		4.72
Accum	£28.00	£28.34		
Fxd Int Inc	120.55	120.84		8.52
Fxd Int Acc	192.05	193.43	...	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	113.85	124.78		
UK Income	109.42	118.84	...	5.380
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	81.26	87.99		1.38
Beck Bio-Tech	27.91	29.56†	+0.36	
Acorn Ethical Tst	148.96	158.42		0.83
City Fin Acads	69.85	75.11†	...	1.88
City Fin America	88.85	94.36		
City Fin Intl	77.61	83.81		0.89
City Fin Japan	150.15	157.67		
Frns Hse Cap	277.15	300.45		1.64
Frns Hse Inc	191.29	208.17†		4.05
Buckley Wde Gth	123.21	130.60		
Falmouth Cap Gth	133.68	142.47†	-0.21	
Falmouth Intl	144.61	154.68†	-0.85	
J Sai Inc/Gth Inc	53.26	57.69†	-0.65	4.26
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.26	59.89	+0.62	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	61.47	65.74	+1.59	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.12	39.70	+0.25	0.80
Dragon Growth	69.04	73.83	+1.96	0.40
Equity High Inc	84.38	89.77†	-0.26	3.92
(Accum Units)	115.62	123.00†	+1.01	3.92
Extra Income Inc	25.88	27.24	+0.11	5.50
Extra Income Acc	26.19	27.57	+0.12	5.50
European Gwth	52.91	56.39	-0.16	1.24
Evergreen	27.85	29.79	+0.38	
General Equity	86.48	91.73	+1.09	2.79
Japan Growth	46.67	49.91	-0.67	
Pedigree Gwth	52.41	55.75†	+0.45	2.74
Pacf Sml Cos Inc	30.61	32.56†	+0.18	1.45
(Accum Units)	32.09	34.07	+0.19	1.45
Retirement Inc	26.25	27.93†	+0.08	5.42
Special Sits	38.50	40.95	+0.27	2.11
UK & Overseas	49.49	52.55†	+0.28	1.33
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 890 000				
Capital	70.30	74.52	+0.73	1.99
Income	83.86	87.89	+0.48	3.97
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0161 886 9819				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	160.47	170.71	+1.32	5.13
Fixed & Convertible	39.22	41.72	+0.08	7.15
Monthly Inc Plus	47.39	50.41	-0.06	8.88
Preference Share	45.07	47.95	-0.05	7.85
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	122.18	129.98	+0.42	8.25
Managed Fund	68.71	73.10	+0.72	3.23
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.14	40.57	+0.08	2.00
(Accum Units)	44.39	47.22	+0.08	2.00
UK & General	81.28	86.47	+1.04	2.95
(Accum Units)	103.02	109.58	+1.32	2.95
UK Growth	150.18	159.77	+2.03	2.53
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	193.54	205.89	-0.82	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	126.79	134.88	+2.42	
Global Bond	79.36	84.36	-0.17	6.12
Japan Growth	107.82	113.85	-0.89	
North Amer Gth	174.15	185.28	+4.72	
Oriental Growth	79.13	84.18	+2.59	0.06
Worldwide Growth	84.97	89.12	+0.94	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.15	92.15	+0.01	6.07
Homemaker Fund	79.90	85.00	+0.85	1.79
Quilter Fund	131.72	140.13	+1.67	2.31
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.46	33.76		3.29
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	150.00	159.60†	-3.10	1.44
Income	69.02	73.43	-0.14	4.87
European	62.78	66.79†	+0.26	0.88
Recovery	160.80	171.10	+0.50	1.90
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	830.00	842.80†		3.66
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	78.14	83.12	+0.52	0.45
Income	242.90	258.39	+1.90	4.58
(Accum Units)	610.50	649.40	+4.90	4.58
Smaller Cos	168.32	179.00	+0.80	0.58
(Accum Units)	205.70	218.80	+0.90	0.58
Inv Portfolio	81.86	87.08	+0.82	1.38
High Inc Port	71.28	75.84	+0.71	4.57
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.57	£15.95	-10.40	
Japan Small Cos	£11.05	£11.28	+5.0	
UK Small Cos	£18.04	£18.43	+4.0	
US Small Cos	£16.87	£17.16	+20.50	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	204.80	215.60†		2.95
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	282.00	297.90†	-1.50	0.94
New Asia	222.40	237.60	+6.30	0.12
Japan Growth	104.90	111.60	-1.10	
Jap Smllr Co	407.90	433.90†	-5.10	
Nth Amer	280.50	297.31	+4.90	0.80
Shtld Asia Pac Mi	119.10	126.40		0.35
UK Inc & Grth	219.50	234.50†	+0.02	2.84
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	144.10	153.39†	+0.40	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	153.70	163.50†	+1.90	4.40
(Accum Units)	200.60	213.40†	+2.50	4.40
UK Pref & F I Inc	57.69	61.41†	-1.60	5.10
Emerging Opps	88.21	93.84†	+0.58	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	52.85	56.22	+0.20	0.0
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	130.20	138.50	+2.50	1.27
Convertible	20.61	21.90†	+0.18	6.39
Equity Income	127.40	135.40	-0.69	3.91
EuroFund	46.60	49.43	+0.11	0.40
Financial	45.46	48.30	+0.46	1.55
Growth & Inc	241.90	257.00	+2.00	3.00
High Dist	156.80	166.50†	+1.30	4.53
International	391.60	416.10	+5.20	0.12
Inv Cap Inc	95.89	102.10	-0.90	2.89
Latin American	27.28	28.90	+0.22	
Pacific	81.87	86.98	+1.64	
Preference Share	21.77	23.13	-0.01	7.13
Tokyo	201.90	214.50	+1.50	
UK Smaller Cos	230.80	245.20†	+1.00	1.12
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Eton Dist	214.39	228.18	+0.64	0.85
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	203.30	216.30	+1.10	0.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	82.99	87.36	-0.12	1.92
Ethical Tst	41.53	43.72	+0.10	1.35
Far Eastern	296.22	311.81	+1.21	1.95
High Income	131.85	138.79†	+0.88	4.86
Intl Growth	117.68	123.87	+0.31	1.15
North American	114.82	120.86	+1.19	1.36
Pelican	118.35	124.58	-0.99	3.40
Smaller Cos	65.57	69.02	+0.20	2.93
Special Sits	87.56	92.17	+0.57	2.57
Tst of Inv Tsts	184.21	193.90	+1.48	1.82
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	198.83	207.11†	+1.19	1.54
Smaller Cos Acc	349.46	364.02†	+2.07	1.54
Recovery	49.76	51.83†	+0.36	1.97
Recovery Acc	50.67	52.78†	+0.36	1.97
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	111.26	118.35†	+0.02	5.88
Capital Growth	84.06	90.14	+0.85	
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.67	47.65	-0.32	0.61
High Income	41.84	44.63	-0.27	10.31
Karat	51.95	56.47	-0.21	
Zero Preference	38.62	40.98†	+0.07	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	79.24	84.29	+0.720	2.84
Family Income Tst	45.28	48.21	+0.180	6.43
Family Trust	88.02	93.64	+1.040	1.80
United Charities	268.20	285.30	+2.600	4.30
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.80
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.58	27.78		7.16
Int Bond	29.84	30.97	-0.11	4.68
Income Funds				
High Income	74.08	75.34†	+0.01	4.81
Income Plus	110.20	117.20†	+0.10	3.71
Amer Eq Inc	49.20	52.08	+1.27	1.75
European Income	43.25	45.99	-0.36	1.37
Far East Inc	65.30	69.37†	-0.08	2.33
Global Convertible	22.43	23.93	-0.08	3.32
UK Dist Gth	25.04	26.63	+0.21	1.85
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	67.36	71.75	+2.06	
American	258.80	272.10	+7.40	
Amer Spec Sits	120.80	128.50†	+2.80	
Japan Smaller Cos	33.40	35.63	-0.59	
European	175.50	186.30	-0.50	
European Opps	63.44	67.46	-0.35	
Global Pnrv	25.93	27.58	-0.16	0.80
UK Growth	92.46	98.31	+0.60	
Growth & Inc	145.00	154.28	+1.59	1.89
Intl PEP	37.70	40.00	+0.41	
Asian Spec Sits	82.98	88.44	-1.19	
Japan	174.90	186.10	-2.70	
Managed Intl	276.50	294.40	+3.50	
Moneybuilder	53.10	56.46	+0.35	
Recovery	47.53	50.54	-0.30	
South E Asia	160.70	171.00	+5.30	
Special Sits	520.70	553.70	+3.40	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.54	109.54	-0.02	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced	132.40	140.80		1.84
Inc Pfolio	96.41	98.06†	+0.86	3.26
Cap Pfolio	145.00	147.50	+1.50	1.52
General Opp	121.70	123.70†		3.48
Growth Inc	30.95	31.59†	+0.36	1.69
Private Portfolio	41.50	42.70		1.87
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	116.00	122.50	-0.60	0.34
Emrg Asian	164.00	176.00	+3.60	
High Income	21.11	22.45†	-0.04	10.02
UK Growth	109.60	117.20	+0.90	1.83
UK Income	106.80	113.80†		3.71
US Smaller Cos	314.00	335.80	+4.50	0.14
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	48.03	50.50†	+0.46	3.74
-do- Inv Fd Inc	78.45	80.38	+0.48	3.45
Intl Growth	70.03	73.61†		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Investment Trust	92.03	96.77	+0.51	
UK Smaller Cos	84.46	88.81	+0.23	0.92
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	57.89	61.59	+1.47	...
(Accum Units)	57.89	61.99	+1.47	...
Amer Smllr Cos	494.60	529.20	+10.10	...
(Accum Units)	505.40	540.50	+10.10	...
Capital Tst	314.40	334.40†	+0.80	1.81
(Accum Units)	452.10	480.80†	+1.20	1.81
Cnvtb Smllr Cos	88.33	93.91	-0.91	0.56
(Accum Units)	82.82	87.15	-0.71	0.56
European	120.00	127.60†	-0.60	0.13
(Accum Units)	126.10	134.10†	-0.60	0.13
Extra Income	349.20	395.00	+2.40	3.83
(Accum Units)	515.70	548.40	+3.70	3.83
Financial	125.00	134.10†	+0.70	0.30
(Accum Units)	132.40	142.90†	+0.70	0.30
Gilt Trust	64.26	69.25†	+0.10	8.84
(Accum Units)	92.19	95.05†	+0.14	8.84
Health Fund Inc	138.30	147.70†	+3.50	...
(Accum Units)	138.30	147.70†	+3.50	...
Income & Growth	194.10	205.58†	+1.70	3.32
(Accum Units)	297.80	318.60†	+2.70	3.32
Intl Growth	357.10	382.50†	+6.20	...
(Accum Units)	396.50	424.70†	+6.80	...
Japan & Gen	157.50	168.50	...	...
(Accum Units)	158.60	170.20	...	...
Monthly Inc	164.90	175.30†	+0.60	3.90
Managed Port Inc	108.80	109.40†		1.73
(Accum Units)	111.40	117.30†		1.73
Quarterly Income	52.74	56.51†	+0.34	4.60
(Accum Units)	57.21	61.28†	+0.38	4.60
Recovery	331.80	354.50	+1.40	0.13
(Accum Units)	390.40	417.40	+1.60	0.13
UK Growth	54.38	58.08†	+0.56	2.79
(Accum Units)	57.66	61.56†	+0.60	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	47.61	50.64	+1.44	0.80
FP Am Smllr Cos	118.80	127.00	...	0.0
FP Asian Growth	268.80	285.40†	+2.60	0.0
FP Australian	313.20	336.00	+3.10	0.0
FP Equity Dist	389.30	414.10†	+5.20	2.89
-do- Accum	833.90	888.40†	+11.20	2.69
FP Euro Gth	212.70	226.20	-0.60	0.43
(Accum Units)	231.20	245.90	-0.40	0.43
FP Intl Bond	58.46	61.82	-0.37	5.13
FP Intl Gth Dist	93.82	99.59	+1.07	0.89
-do- Accum	97.95	104.20	+1.16	0.89
FP Pac Basin Acc	203.40	217.40	+3.60	
FP Income	54.52	58.15†	-1.12	4.99
(Accum Units)	179.80	191.70	-6.18	4.99
FP Jap Smllr Cos	285.70	305.80	-8.20	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	71.74	76.58†	-0.02	5.80
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70		5.25
FP Tokyo	82.09	87.56	-0.92	0.0
FP UK Focus	36.50	39.24	+0.17	1.94
FP UK Growth	174.70	186.30	+0.58	2.93
(Accum Units)	338.20	360.70	+0.90	2.93
Stewardship Dist	342.70	364.50†	+2.30	1.89
-do- Accum	423.00	450.00†	+2.80	1.89
Stwdship Inc Dist	71.88	76.25†	+0.33	3.45
-do- Accum	94.60	100.90†	+0.36	3.45
N Am Stshp Dist	97.95	104.20	+1.70	0.85
-do- Accum	104.20	110.80	+1.90	0.85
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	109.10	116.00†	-0.50	1.05
Opps Cap Gth Acc	110.30	117.30†	-0.10	0.30
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.40	112.10	-0.40	2.35
Cap Gth Inc Acc	108.00	114.80	-0.40	2.35
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	108.30	115.20		2.93
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	110.90	117.90		2.93
NM Unit Trusts				
Intl	32.60	34.79†	+0.25	0.93
(Accum Units)	47.27	50.44	+0.34	0.93
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
BANDA	241.90	256.80†	+3.20	2.41
Cash	49.44	50.18†	+0.01	5.30
Growth Portfolio	77.96	82.64	+0.35	0.99
Income Portfolio	64.17	67.86†	+0.22	4.54
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	191.40	204.70	+1.90	1.40
Dividend	81.26	87.63	+0.84	3.38
Intl Gth & Inc	225.90	241.60	+2.70	3.04
UK & Gen	46.05	49.25	+0.53	1.60
Fund of Funds	63.18	67.58	-0.05	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	187.50	200.60	+1.40	
European	589.90	607.80	-2.10	0.33
Far East & Gen	242.00	258.80	+5.80	
Germany	116.50	123.40	-0.60	
Income Inc	153.30	164.00	+0.95	4.46
(Accum Units)	165.60	177.20	+0.90	4.46
International	306.80	328.20	-0.70	
Intl Income	81.24	86.21	-0.09	4.12
Japan & General	387.30	391.00	+0.60	
Korean Specialist	62.31	66.65	+1.51	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	45.41	48.57	+0.16	4.94
UK Capital Inc	168.80	180.60	+1.50	1.28
UK Capital Acc	295.20	315.80	+2.70	1.28
UK Spec Sits	80.68	86.68	+0.37	0.71
US & General	144.10	153.20†	+3.30	
Wwide Spec Sits	138.98	148.60	-0.10	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	49.97	53.41	+0.53	2.40
Cash Trust	138.09	138.09	+0.01	5.80
Practical Inv Inc	116.65	124.12	+0.83	3.18
(Accum Units)	265.33	283.78	+1.90	3.18
UK Index	152.64	154.18	+1.55	3.48
UK Smaller Cos	129.98	138.02	+0.75	0.73
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.53	25.42	-0.12	
High Income	33.14	35.44†	-0.02	5.14
UK Equity Income	135.02	144.41	+0.60	3.32
Global Bond	29.06	30.11	+0.03	4.42
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.65	49.89	+0.95	
Global Inc & Gth	135.49	144.16	+7.41	1.78
Gold & Intl Res	101.13	108.16†	-0.27	
Global Utilities	129.73	138.62	+1.66	1.51
Overseas Funds				
American	149.38	159.13†	+3.39	1.18
European	105.82	111.96	-0.33	1.16
Euro Sel Opps	153.02	162.58	-0.94	
Amer Emerging	105.67	113.02	+2.38	
Hong Kong	144.57	155.44	+4.88	1.49
Japan	226.80	240.91	+1.17	
Pacific Growth	222.80	238.29†	+7.02	1.35
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	219.29	219.29	+1.69	2.08
Long Term Bal	239.82	239.82	+1.53	3.17
Med Term Bal	204.13	204.13	+0.80	3.47
UK Equity	250.34	250.54†	+2.24	2.64
UK Emerging Cos	146.39	146.39†	+0.57	2.15
American	249.08	249.08	+6.68	1.62
Japan	107.77	107.77	+0.78	
European	273.37	273.37	-0.82	1.16
Index Linked Gilt	176.30	176.30†	-0.47	2.67
Fixed Interest	183.36	183.36†	-0.56	8.60
Amer Emerging	287.43	287.43	+5.19	
Pacific	240.01	240.01	+5.86	
Emerging Mkts	125.30	125.30	+0.99	0.50
Index Strat Japan	148.73	148.73	-2.11	0.35
-do- Pacific Rim	191.36	191.36	+5.36	1.31
-do- Cont Europe	158.29	158.29	-0.58	1.63
Index Strat USA	143.60	143.60	+4.36	2.15
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	183.36	189.96	+0.86	
Med Term Bal	97.93	103.23	+0.35	
Long Term Bal	107.78	114.69	+2.37	
UK Equity	115.64	123.02	+1.19	
UK Emerging Cos	68.58	72.95	+0.28	
American	115.33	122.69	+3.29	
Japan	51.62	54.92	+0.40	
European	113.64	120.89	-0.37	
Fixed Interest	82.54	87.81	-0.30	
Index Linked Gilt	78.23	83.22	-0.22	
Deposit	61.41	66.61	+0.01	
Berkeley Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Gth	116.50	123.98	-0.19	
Berkeley Income	112.90	120.10	+0.01	4.13
BWH Intl	139.29	148.82	+0.44	0.58
Brcklf Gth Port Inc	62.67	66.14	-0.08	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.45	60.63†	-0.02	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.10	56.04†	-0.24	0.10
Shaw Utilities	55.32	58.38†	+0.35	2.96
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
£ Intl Inc	558.04	593.65	-0.26	1.68
(Accum Units)	638.64	688.26	-0.29	1.68
European Inc	147.84	157.28		0.84
Arbitrage Inc	144.77	153.34		
N America Inc	332.71	353.95	-1.34	
Far East Inc	334.97	356.35		
(Accum Units)	346.93	369.07		
UK Dvnd Inc	180.37	191.68		1.27
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7868				
UK Equity Inc	90.21	96.47	+0.34	4.93
UK Small Cos	49.66	53.10	+0.07	1.02
British Growth	56.73	60.67†	+0.61	2.61
American Gwth	171.03	182.91	+2.80	
Japan Gwth	65.18	69.62	-1.01	
Greater China	183.52	196.27	+3.80	
Pacific Strategy	155.69	166.51	+1.53	
European Gwth	88.56	94.80	-0.35	0.29
Intl Growth	145.44	155.54	+1.58	
US Index (C)	14.22	14.98	+0.27	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	78.67	82.83	+0.78	2.48
Monthly Income	38.49	41.04†	+0.34	8.00
MS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (C)	11.46	12.09	-0.35	3.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	89.44	96.15	-1.65	1.61
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9868				
European	498.10	532.10	-1.60	0.49
Gilt & Fixed	129.60	137.90	-0.40	5.55
Growth Equity	336.70	359.70†	+4.10	1.82
Income Trust	133.10	142.30	+1.50	3.00
International	181.80	194.20	+1.90	0.17
Japan Trust	123.40	131.80	-1.40	
Nth American	273.50	292.10	+6.50	0.12
Pacific	562.50	600.90	+16.00	
Guardhill	512.80	547.80	+5.80	1.75
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
Eqty Yld	101.15	106.00†	-1.52	7.29
Global High Inc	99.11	102.93	-0.37	6.80
Prem Fixed Int	105.55	109.57	-0.05	8.73
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.44	112.11	+0.10	5.68
European Growth	105.70	112.38	-0.49	
Intl PEP Trust	62.14	66.07	-0.42	
High Income	124.79	132.69†	+2.07	3.91
-do- Accum	173.96	184.96	+2.87	3.91
Recovery	374.50	398.20†	+1.09	1.78
(Accum Units)	435.80	463.10	-1.00	1.78
St Vnt High Inc	123.06	124.90	+0.44	7.07
UK Emrg Cos	244.70	260.20†	+1.70	1.95
UK Smlr Cos	358.70	383.10	-1.70	2.45
Glob Priv Tst	96.21	101.23	+0.22	0.93
(Accum Units)	96.10	102.17	-0.23	0.93
Inc Share Tst	89.27	94.92†	-1.55	8.23
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	33.13	33.76	-0.19	1.69
Growth Acc	27.13	28.78	+0.19	1.69
Income	28.79	28.40	-0.20	3.44
Income Acc	26.79	28.40	-0.20	3.44
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Medal Pfolio	209.90	221.60	-2.40	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.70	33.72	-1.21	1.13
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 280 Dealing: 01277 264 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	310.77	332.52	+2.39	1.51
Best of British	65.62	69.75†	+0.64	2.84
UK Smaller Cos	126.18	133.64	+0.43	1.91
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	282.17	300.49†	+2.74	3.76
(Accum Units)	771.06	821.14	+7.51	3.76
High Income	322.41	344.65†	+2.32	4.15
Extra Income	283.15	301.13†	+2.05	5.86
Pref & Gilt	45.93	49.36†	-0.05	8.80
International				
International	267.89	280.06	+4.24	0.56
Global Bond	53.95	57.23†	+0.17	4.50
Intl Pref Tst	82.00	87.69†	-0.03	0.17
Global Tech	177.33	189.21†	+2.19	
Overseas Funds				
Asian-Enterprise	181.79	194.40	+4.31	0.75
European	486.30	515.36†	-2.39	1.24
European Income	84.46	89.48	-0.49	2.74

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	153.58	164.79†	-1.11	0.51
Eur Cp Sits	71.38	76.47	-0.21	0.71
(Accum Units)	76.47	81.92	-0.22	0.71
Japan Trust	180.50	192.39	+0.03	...
Japan Special Sits	188.62	201.77	-0.08	
Pacific Smlr Cos	227.87	243.82	+3.95	
North American	245.78	261.47	+7.27	0.39
American Smaller	104.56	110.85	+2.60	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	100.50	105.20†	+0.28	2.23
Capital	178.80	185.19	+8.30	1.83
Dollar	360.80	377.58†	+7.29	
Enterprise Gth	237.70	253.80	-1.40	1.70
European	233.10	244.00	-2.40	0.95
Far East	325.90	341.28	+1.79	0.48
Financial	842.70	882.40	-3.30	1.83
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.85	27.88	-0.10	7.28
High Yield	103.70	108.58†	-0.20	4.02
Income & Growth	146.00	152.87†	+0.39	3.30
International	257.20	269.30	+0.50	1.02
Japanese General	192.20	201.20	-2.10	
Japan Tech	75.38	78.93	-0.57	
Nat Resources	68.61	72.09	-0.76	
Portfolio	72.66	76.08†	+0.48	1.32
Smaller Cos	132.50	138.70	-2.70	1.54
Special Sits	154.20	161.40	-0.70	1.45
UK Emerging Cos	94.01	98.43	+0.27	8.99
US Smaller Cos	88.92	93.16†	-0.35	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 800 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	103.80	109.90†	+0.30	5.84
Capital	882.10	842.80	+6.20	2.06
Income	576.70	615.50	+5.10	4.98
Footsie Fund	56.21	56.49	+0.05	2.91
Tech Index	110.00	117.40	-0.89	2.00
UK Index	142.70	152.30	+1.60	3.11
International Funds				
American Growth	501.30	535.00	+13.20	0.31
American Index	216.10	230.30	+6.90	1.15
European Growth	115.80	122.40	-0.80	0.26
Eurotrack 100	164.90	175.10	-0.30	0.56
Global Bond	21.83	23.13	+0.07	5.87
Japan Growth	264.50	281.70	-2.10	
Japan Index	78.38	83.85	-1.27	0.18
Japan Sml Cos	31.07	33.10	-0.74	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	61.06	65.17	+1.38	0.22
Hong Kong Gwth	104.60	111.68	+3.20	1.09
Singe & Mlysn Gth	81.19	86.65†	+2.95	
Tiger Index	208.20	222.20	+9.0	1.34
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	32.06	33.95	+0.09	0.99
General Funds				
Managed	73.07	75.95†	+0.28	1.50
Rupert Child Fnd	88.41	91.90	+1.42	2.42
UK Growth	61.60	64.12†	+0.67	2.30
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	84.84	88.19	+0.34	6.45
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.84	27.87	-0.01	7.78
UK Inc & Gwth	41.35	42.99†	+0.29	3.64
UK Income	343.60	357.20†	+3.20	4.95
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.32	52.19	+1.17	0.19
Amer Smlr Cos	117.20	121.80	+1.40	...
(Accum Units)	118.48	123.10	+1.50	...
Europe Gth	156.70	162.60	-1.20	0.12
(Accum Units)	162.00	168.00	-1.30	0.12
Euro Smaller Cos	33.21	38.38	-0.26	
French Growth	80.39	83.57	-0.30	0.45
Accum Units	86.25	89.66	-0.32	0.45
H Kong & China	80.25	83.42	+2.01	1.69
Intl Growth	58.71	61.03	+0.49	0.54
(Accum Units)	59.20	61.54	+0.49	0.54
Japan Gth	30.19	31.38	-0.39	...
Accum Units	30.19	31.38	-0.39	
Japan Smaller Cos	32.85	34.57	-0.49	
Glob Emg Mkts	95.58	99.38	+1.43	
Accum Units	96.25	100.10	+1.47	
SE Asia	333.70	346.90	+5.70	0.31
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	56.31	58.04†	-0.34	5.59
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	138.20	144.89	+3.80	...
Income	158.62	168.74	+1.87	3.62
UK Growth	59.24	63.02	+0.28	0.56
International	78.39	83.39	+0.46	0.07
Ecology	82.23	87.47	+0.43	1.23
European	127.87	135.70	-0.98	...
Far Eastern	294.30	313.80	+4.90	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Equity Income	51.00	54.28†	+0.81	7.10
Gilt Yield	118.80	122.40†	-1.90	8.36
Global Income	212.10	225.80†	+1.10	4.35
High Yield	139.60	148.50	+0.61	5.97
(Accum Units)	427.20	454.50	+3.47	5.97
Smlr Cos Div	52.84	55.39†	-1.82	3.02

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Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.74	100.60	+0.19	
North American	80.52	85.66	+1.11	0.15
European Special	120.30	128.00	-0.18	0.12
European	157.80	167.90†	-0.40	0.46
(Accum Units)	207.90	221.20†	+0.10	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	105.50	112.20	-1.28	1.07
Japan	380.20	404.50†	+2.50	
Japanese Special	199.50	212.20	-0.40	
Master Accum	249.80	256.20	+1.50	0.54
Pacific	327.90	348.60	+1.40	
(Accum Units)	384.50	409.80	+1.60	
Smaller Cos	110.50	117.60†	+0.68	1.29
UK Equity Growth	38.80	41.36	+0.30	1.57
UK Index Inc	283.70	287.40	...	4.00
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1803				
Global Inc & Gth	62.86	65.87		
Inv Trust	66.25	70.47		
Cautious Inc/Gth	60.12	63.95		1.50
High Inc Acc	56.08	59.86		4.08
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	585.90	598.90		5.87
Intl & General	411.70	420.10		0.44
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	262.56	279.32†	+1.76	5.42
Inc & Growth Inc	56.59	60.20	+0.57	4.50
Smaller Cos	57.73	61.41†	+0.19	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	250.70	266.70†	+3.00	1.93
High Income	109.40	116.30	-0.70	4.29
International	98.51	104.79	+0.50	0.64
Recovery Trust	66.93	71.20†	+0.57	2.04
European Trust	82.16	87.40	+0.63	1.64
Japanese Trust	40.33	43.90	+0.51	
American Trust	90.64	96.42	+2.25	0.03
Managed	67.69	71.99	+0.43	0.78
Cash	50.36	50.36	+0.01	4.83
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0018				
UK Cap	381.10	407.60	+3.90	2.54
UK Inc/Gth	407.50	435.40	+4.30	3.17
UK Income	281.70	301.09†	+2.50	3.88
UK Smll Cos	242.00	262.50	+0.60	1.86
Euro Gwth	131.60	139.30		
N Amer Gwth	89.12	94.81	+0.25	2.24
Japan Growth	61.97	65.91	-0.48	
Murray Mkts	124.53	124.53		1.50
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	484.40	515.30		2.70
(Accum Units)	962.60	£10.24		2.70
Equity Income	100.60	107.00		3.72
UK Tactical Allocn	57.83	61.41		3.74
European	123.50	131.49†		1.08
Far Eastern	213.90	227.50		
Fixed Interest	52.78	56.12		7.18
Gilt	89.96	95.40†		6.48
Global Growth	73.85	78.56†		0.65
Intl Bond	53.84	57.21		4.81
Japanese	67.81	72.14		
North American	150.30	159.80		1.12
Pacific Growth	112.20	119.40		0.42
UK Index	63.60	67.34†		3.18
UK Recovery	93.78	99.77†		1.87
UK Smaller Cos	125.70	133.70		1.50
US Index	62.74	66.22		1.68
European Index	78.48	82.83		1.73
Japan Index	41.22	43.50		0.85
Worldwide	83.48	88.81†		1.67
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8878 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	51.89	55.70	+0.51	2.13
Income	59.56	64.02	+0.63	3.86
Far East	51.77	55.37	-0.09	0.09
North American	100.60	107.60	+2.50	
Global	94.25	100.80	+0.50	0.35
European	89.04	95.23	-0.81	0.72
Japan	98.68	105.52	-1.60	
Intl Currency Bd	61.35	65.16	-0.51	4.35
SE Asia	105.10	112.40	+4.90	
UK Cap Growth	95.09	101.70	+1.00	1.53
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	353.10	375.70†	-4.38	2.90
-do- Acc	813.40	865.40	-9.70	3.90
Cont Euro Gth	67.72	71.30	-0.59	1.15
-do- Acc	72.37	76.18	-0.64	1.15
Extra Inc	257.90	274.40†	-1.00	4.28
-do- Acc	692.80	725.80	-2.70	4.28
FTSE 100 Inc	103.80	110.50	+1.50	2.53
FTSE 100 Acc	103.80	110.50	+1.50	2.53
German Gth	133.20	140.30	-0.40	
-do- Acc	139.70	147.10	-0.50	
Growth Port	558.10	593.80	-3.40	0.29
-do- Acc	567.40	603.70	-3.50	0.29
Hi Reserve Inc	103.60	110.30†	+0.60	6.55
Hi Reserve Acc	104.90	111.70	+0.60	6.55
Income	500.20	532.20	+4.90	3.56
-do- Acc	£13.67	£14.55	+14.00	3.56
Income Port	523.20	556.60	+2.80	3.80

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	559.80	595.60	+3.90	3.80
Japan Growth	98.74	105.10	-1.50	
-do- Acc	99.00	105.50	-1.50	
Master Trust	59.85	63.78	+0.49	1.36
-do- Acc	66.91	71.19	+0.54	1.36
N American Gth	188.20	200.30	+4.20	
-do- Acc	217.40	231.30	+4.80	
Ntnl Sm Co Rec	139.10	148.00	+0.10	
-do- Acc	141.98	151.09		
Pacific Basin	261.90	278.70	+3.30	0.64
-do- Acc	279.30	298.10	+3.50	0.64
Small Cos Rec	387.80	407.40†	+0.20	2.07
-do- Acc	522.40	549.90	+0.30	2.07
UK Growth	88.61	94.27	+0.99	2.34
-do- Acc	107.70	114.60	+1.20	2.34
Worldwide Gth	318.90	337.20	+0.20	0.62
-do- Acc	467.40	497.30	+0.10	0.62
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	68.93	73.85	+2.06	0.16
General	88.47	94.82†	+1.14	2.40
Income	65.93	70.74	+0.54	5.40
International	64.10	68.77†	+0.54	0.49
Japan	53.89	57.60	-0.31	
Tst of Inv Tsts	68.21	73.16	+0.48	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	405.60	429.20	+9.40	0.52
(Accum Units)	505.80	534.80	+11.70	0.52
Amer Recovery	480.40	506.00†	+12.60	0.40
(Accum Units)	552.00	583.70†	+14.50	0.40
Amer Smllr Cos	132.20	139.80	+2.10	
(Accum Units)	136.10	142.80	+2.20	
Australasian	147.00	155.40	+2.20	2.08
(Accum Units)	179.80	190.10	+2.70	2.08
Capital	853.70	902.80	+6.10	2.68
(Accum Units)	970.50	£10.35	+8.00	2.68
Charifund	708.60	715.70	+6.70	5.61
(Accum Units)	£33.86	£34.00	+32.10	5.61
Commodity	376.80	398.50	+2.20	0.53
(Accum Units)	553.20	585.00	+3.20	0.53
Compound Gth	872.70	210.28†	+7.40	3.02
(Accum Units)	£10.33	£10.92†	+7.80	3.02
Dividend	41.59	43.90†	+0.40	4.33
(Accum Units)	176.90	187.30†	+1.80	4.33
Equity Income	351.20	371.40	+2.80	4.74
(Accum Units)	456.30	482.50	+3.40	4.74
Euro & General	515.20	544.80	-6.10	1.22
(Accum Units)	651.70	689.10	-7.80	1.22
Euro Dividend	73.98	78.10	-0.20	3.71
(Accum Units)	89.00	94.10	-0.20	3.71
Extra Yield	426.70	451.20	+4.80	4.81
(Accum Units)	£13.48	£14.25	+15.20	4.81
Far Eastern	353.50	373.80	+9.00	0.71
(Accum Units)	469.30	496.20	+12.00	0.71
Fund of Inv Tsts	619.40	655.80†	+2.90	2.06
(Accum Units)	£11.68	£12.35†	+5.50	2.06
General	83.50	87.10	+0.70	3.73
(Accum Units)	178.40	188.60	+1.90	3.73
Gilt Income	60.96	61.88†	-1.65	7.68
(Accum Units)	172.17	172.46†	-0.08	7.60
Gold	62.40	66.00	+0.80	0.86
(Accum Units)	73.70	78.00	+1.00	0.86
High Income	29.60	31.30	+0.28	4.71
(Accum Units)	118.80	125.70	+1.00	4.71
Intl Growth	75.70	80.10	+0.60	3.92
(Accum Units)	132.10	139.70	+1.00	3.92
International Inc	99.50	105.20	+0.80	4.82
(Accum Units)	149.80	158.40	+1.20	4.82
Japan & Gen	40.50	42.80†	-0.40	
(Accum Units)	43.50	45.90†	-0.50	
Japan Smllr Cos	136.90	144.80†	-1.00	
(Accum Units)	137.80	145.85†	-1.00	
Managed Income	28.10	28.50†	+0.20	4.20
Midland	63.70	67.40	+0.20	3.18
(Accum Units)	215.40	227.80	+0.70	3.18
Pension Ex	969.00	993.30	+8.90	4.24
Recovery	43.60	46.10	+0.40	2.52
(Accum Units)	71.60	75.80	+0.80	2.52
Second General	72.20	76.30	+0.50	3.46
(Accum Units)	187.40	198.20	+1.40	3.46
Smaller Cos	69.70	73.70	+0.20	3.17
(Accum Units)	139.80	147.00	+0.50	3.17
Sterling HI Inv	25.18	25.28	-0.06	8.27
Treasury	25.05	25.09†		6.31
Trustee	42.30	44.70†	+0.30	4.32
(Accum Units)	173.30	183.30†	+1.30	4.32
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.68	90.51		1.51
Intl Bond	85.85	89.32†		5.57
Intl Equity Growth	72.77	77.27		0.89
N Amer Growth	97.55	103.77		1.02
Special Sits Growth	21.66	23.04		2.06
UK Growth	378.20	400.20		2.85
(Accum Units)	497.50	529.20		2.85
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01920 825087				
Balanced Fd	£13.25	£13.51†		3.30
Income	998.20	£10.11		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4842				
Maldon General	137.70	141.80		4.24
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 688 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	156.40	164.70	+0.85	2.30
-do- Accum	189.10	189.50	+0.86	2.20
UK Sel Pfolio	133.90	140.90	-0.28	2.44
-do- Accum	157.50	165.80	-0.28	2.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 304 042				
Managed Tst	78.59	75.10	+1.17	3.70
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	73.17	77.67	+0.60	4.26
European	88.18	91.49	-0.23	0.96
Income	75.14	79.77†	+0.61	4.85
Nth American	67.48	71.64	+1.77	0.52
Far East	170.90	181.40	+3.60	
Japan	53.01	56.27	-0.13	
Emrging Mkt	90.55	96.55	+2.17	
Intl Growth	110.20	117.80	+1.20	0.90
UK Growth	95.87	101.50	+0.89	1.44
UK Smlr Co	47.71	50.71†	+0.19	1.84
Asian Opps Fd	39.06	41.77	+1.49	0.31
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	426.19	453.39	+3.98	3.84
Global Inc	69.60	74.04	+0.52	2.79
Bld Leaders	365.82	389.17	+4.47	2.30
Intl Leaders	208.47	219.65	+4.03	0.75
PAM Mlg Bal Grth	82.67	88.11	-0.09	0.33
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	218.28	227.80	+4.400	
(Accum Units)	224.70	238.10	+4.700	
American Opps	93.45	99.68	+0.790	...
(Accum Units)	94.61	100.90	+0.800	
British Blue Chip	81.33	86.77	+1.010	2.97
(Accum Units)	101.30	107.20	+1.300	2.97
Cash	100.60	100.60		6.15
(Accum Units)	139.60	139.60		6.15
Emerging Mkts	102.50	110.20†	+1.500	0.14
(Accum Units)	103.00	110.80†	+2.400	0.14
European Growth	260.90	276.10	-1.50	0.17
(Accum Units)	281.30	297.60	-1.78	0.17
European Income	87.19	92.83	-0.36	3.33
(Accum Units)	117.30	124.00	-0.40	3.33
General	512.40	545.10	+5.600	2.45
(Accum Units)	1016	1081	+12.00	2.43
Global Bond	129.60	136.10	-1.10	5.42
(Accum Units)	159.70	167.70	-1.30	5.42
Gold & General	191.80	206.20		0.46
(Accum Units)	196.90	211.70		0.46
Govt Securities	90.98	93.73†	-2.33	6.24
(Accum Units)	181.30	186.90†	-6.20	6.24
Income	195.90	165.70†	+2.100	4.56
(Accum Units)	247.60	263.30†	+3.400	4.56
Inc Portfolio	99.97	105.10	+0.950	5.33
(Accum Units)	101.40	107.60	+1.000	5.33
Intl Opps	467.90	498.50†	+2.000	0.19
(Accum Units)	626.90	667.90†	+4.800	0.19
Japan	155.60	164.80	-1.70	
(Accum Units)	159.70	169.30	-1.70	
New Europe	183.40	195.80	-0.20	1.18
(Accum Units)	189.10	201.70	-0.19	1.10
Pacific	118.00	125.90	+3.000	0.86
(Accum Units)	126.50	134.70	+3.100	0.86
Recovery	296.00	315.70†	+2.300	0.88
(Accum Units)	380.50	405.90†	+3.100	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	57.38	61.18	+1.690	0.90
(Accum Units)	64.92	69.25	+1.840	0.90
Portfolio	84.76	86.76	+0.740	2.84
(Accum Units)	97.60	103.50	+0.800	2.84
Managed Grth	109.49	104.92†	+0.380	1.93
Managed Inc	186.00	189.00†	-1.20	4.42
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Europgrowth Plus	120.82	128.53†	-0.89	0.84
Portfolio	68.38	72.74	+0.69	0.53
UK Income Inc	77.87	82.84	+1.03	4.53
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 125				
Balanced	80.89	83.76		3.12
(Accum Units)	85.11	88.17	-0.01	3.12
British Tst	86.55	90.63	+1.01	1.84
(Accum Units)	101.50	106.20	+1.18	1.84
Extra High Inc	68.77	72.01	+0.06	6.43
(Accum Units)	134.50	140.80	+0.10	6.43
FT-SE 100 Acc	55.93	58.61	+0.69	2.76
FT-SE 100 Dist	56.85	58.69	+0.68	2.76
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.80	56.81†	-0.78	6.92
(Accum Units)	152.20	159.90†		6.92
High Yield	228.20	238.80†	+0.40	5.72
(Accum Units)	565.90	592.50†	+1.10	5.72
Income	291.40	305.10	+2.20	3.61
(Accum Units)	642.90	673.10	+4.80	3.61
Money Market UT	49.39	49.39†	+0.01	5.15
(Accum Units)	78.44	78.44†	+0.02	5.15
Monthly Income	86.09	90.15†	+0.43	8.01
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	108.00	112.80	+1.30	1.74
European Growth	105.80	112.18	+0.50	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	88.87	94.05	-0.03	6.90
Income	87.40	92.96	+0.72	2.75

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	58.27	63.24	-0.48	
Managed	71.65	75.58	+0.47	2.33
Money Market	93.09	93.28	+0.02	4.34
North American	89.68	94.87	+0.20	0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	98.18	102.30	+1.18	1.73
European Growth	99.49	105.50	+0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.60	89.68	-0.02	6.86
Income	85.84	91.82	+0.71	2.81
Japan Growth	50.12	53.13	-0.48	
Managed	67.92	72.06	+0.45	2.50
Money Market	81.36	88.24	+0.02	4.26
North American	81.32	86.21	+0.18	0.57
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	98.07	102.20	+1.10	1.72
European Growth	97.15	103.00	+0.50	
Gilt & Fixed Int	77.09	81.77	-0.03	6.04
Income	84.81	90.01	+0.70	2.84
Japan Growth	83.23	84.30	-0.43	
Managed	70.75	75.27	+0.47	2.38
Money Market	75.57	80.11	+0.02	4.34
North American	80.57	86.08	+0.20	0.44
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.03	13.81	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	359.80	381.90†	+9.50	
European Gth Inc	471.10	505.00	-1.20	0.20
(Accum Units)	476.20	510.60	-1.10	0.20
Intl Gwth	195.40	208.80	+2.20	
UK Equity Inc	189.60	201.90	+2.30	2.98
UK Ind Trckr Inc	165.00	176.40	+2.30	3.03
(Accum Units)	195.80	209.30	+2.60	2.63
US Eq Inc Tt Inc	214.60	227.50	+6.60	1.19
Japan Tracker	74.33	78.70	-0.82	
Asian Trader	218.10	235.40	+7.50	0.27
Managed Inc	157.00	167.30†	-0.60	1.38
Deposit Inc	98.52	98.92†	+0.01	6.05
Europa	184.40	197.90	-1.70	
Eurotrak	159.00	172.90	+1.10	2.11
High Income	21.60	22.98†	+0.06	10.60
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 833				
Acumen	92.80	99.71†	+0.77	2.51
Acumen Inc	91.37	93.34†	+0.72	2.51
Acumen Reserve	86.61	87.48†	-0.13	7.92
-do- Inc	73.21	73.94†	-0.12	7.92
American Growth	157.70	163.30	+2.50	
Cash Income	49.67	49.67†	+0.01	5.81
Equity Income	95.62	99.40†	-0.17	4.82
European	72.69	74.33	-0.60	0.46
Smaller Cos	82.08	88.13†	+0.58	1.17
Wrldw Eqty	85.88	87.50	+0.45	0.55
Global Bond	44.39	44.99†	-0.11	6.65
UK Growth	97.25	99.75	+0.90	2.10
Pacific Growth	112.80	116.18	+3.18	0.10
Japan Growth	88.68	90.22	-0.33	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avdn Equity	125.79	133.82	+1.22	2.60
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	74.25	78.99	+0.46	2.21
UK Income	109.56	116.55†	+1.81	3.89
Higher Income	215.49	229.21	+1.57	4.44
Smaller Cos	84.51	89.90	+0.28	1.87
International	96.85	103.03†	+0.45	1.76
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	105.88	112.60	+2.80	0.68
European Dist	117.20	124.70†	+0.48	
Far East Dist	183.60	195.30	+3.20	
Global Care Dist	71.40	75.95	-0.12	1.87
Oasis Dist	£10.23	£10.88	+8.15	0.15
(Accum Units)	£13.28	£14.13	+13.70	0.15
UK Dist	354.10	376.70†	+3.80	2.64
(Accum Units)	702.40	747.20	+7.50	2.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	79.91	85.81	+2.00	4.18
Wwide Dist	106.80	113.70†	+0.80	0.37
Wwide Inc Dist	72.80	77.55†	+0.51	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 289 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	66.14	69.80	-0.25	0.48
Fund of Funds Inc	58.52	62.82	+0.24	0.83
North America Inc	51.28	54.12†	+0.97	0.46
UK Equity Gth Inc	58.92	62.19†	+0.42	2.01
(Accum Units)	61.91	65.34	+0.44	2.01
UK General Inc	58.53	61.77	+0.47	2.49
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.56	50.08	-0.04	7.01
UK Income Inc	58.19	61.41†	+0.43	3.79
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 50 00 00				
Bond	119.83	126.31†	-2.81	6.47
Bridge Fund	85.87	90.51		2.23
Distributor	93.58	98.98†	-0.13	3.19
Foundation	94.81	100.64		2.62
General	185.80	197.67	+1.35	1.87
Global	319.54	339.94	+2.85	0.43
Growth	124.18	132.11	+1.04	2.57
Higher Income Inc	27.61	29.37		
Income	230.77	245.51	+1.47	3.41
Intrepid	118.12	123.05†		2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	37.82	40.23	+1.07	0.35
Cash Income	50.13	50.12†		5.50
European Gwth	41.46	44.21	-0.23	0.20
Intl Gwth	30.24	32.24	+0.28	0.43
Japan Gwth	24.65	26.35	-0.26	
Managed Tst Inc	47.31	50.59†	-0.07	2.29
Oriental Opps Inc	149.40	159.70	+4.10	0.22
Property Shares	33.88	36.02†	-0.07	0.64
Smaller Cos	32.43	34.88	+0.15	1.28
UK Growth Tst	26.08	27.90†	+0.24	2.69
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.59	77.63	+0.38	1.77
Cap Hse UK Inc	68.86	73.64	+0.63	2.78
Exempt (C)	25.84	30.78		1.76
General	51.56	55.02	-0.29	
High Income	74.21	79.38	+0.40	4.74
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70		1.97
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90		1.97
Monthly Income	78.64	84.10	+0.61	4.28
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	99.04	104.80		2.10
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	124.83	131.49	+0.83	1.57
UK Equity	142.89	150.52	+1.61	2.87
UK Equity Income	135.34	142.46†	+1.38	3.22
UK Smaller Cos	120.90	127.36	+0.83	1.51
UK Smaller Growth	134.38	141.45	+1.44	2.24
UK Index Trckg	144.83	152.45	+0.85	3.58
Intl Index Trckg	148.71	158.54	+1.40	1.14
International	240.89	255.57†	+2.41	0.49
Eurocentral	208.45	217.32	-0.85	0.75
Pan European	138.31	145.59†	-0.26	1.46
Nth American	183.51	193.17†	+5.20	0.12
N Amer Smlr Cos	197.31	207.69	+4.88	
Japanese	85.11	90.64†	-0.96	
Pacific	234.05	246.37†	+3.75	0.31
South East Asian	266.25	280.28	+8.13	0.44
Intl Bond	139.21	146.54	-1.73	4.22
Gilt & Convertible	106.91	112.54	-0.08	6.15
Property	78.47	82.60†	-1.83	6.42
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	257.80	277.10†	-2.30	0.52
(Accum Units)	272.90	293.20	-2.50	0.52
Japan Inc	102.80	109.60	-1.30	
Nth American Inc	112.70	120.70	+2.20	0.37
Worldwide Inc	158.60	170.50	+1.00	0.80
Hong Kong Inc	145.60	156.30	+4.40	1.89
Swiss Equities Inc	74.32	79.34	-0.82	
Wwide Bond Inc	63.43	67.10	-0.30	5.55
Emrgng Asia Inc	225.00	244.00	+6.80	0.71
(Accum Units)	225.60	244.80	+6.10	0.71
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.20	50.20†	+0.01	6.22
Thailand Inc	183.60	197.80	+4.00	1.51
Gold Trust Inc	68.87	73.31	+0.61	0.84
New Zealand Inc	92.82	99.76	+0.52	1.76
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	85.45	92.14	+0.31	1.33
Latin Am Chgs Inc	56.94	61.36	+0.76	
UK All Co Mltr Inc	59.98	64.36	+0.65	2.99
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.39	80.63	-0.53	
Global Portfolio	67.05	71.49	-0.68	
Global Opps	64.11	68.57	-0.43	
Mrrsh Global Gth	64.80	67.87	+0.60	
AAM Global Equity	54.67	57.95	-0.33	
CAM Brit Grth Inc	92.95	100.00	+0.53	
Temple Equity Inc	45.53	48.83	+0.86	2.64
Hartley Growth	76.81	81.41	+0.29	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	83.43	88.65	-0.56	0.20
IPS Portfolio Inc	81.01	85.64	-0.32	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.37	49.73†	+0.26	
Premier Portfos Inc	68.93	71.58	+0.34	1.59
Rathbone Sltd Gth	71.78	78.75	+0.17	0.66
Tech Analysis	103.90	110.18	+7.10	
Rosebury Growth	44.67	48.15	+0.17	8.75
International Strat	78.41	83.86	+0.02	
UFC Intl-Acr Gth	84.07	89.98	-0.85	
Cavendale Tracer	49.22	53.28	-0.02	
Prem Equity Inc	109.10	116.38†	+0.80	1.84
Lowes Intl Growth	46.97	49.44	+0.39	1.39
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 526 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	249.10	263.90†		2.65
(Accum Units)	530.60	564.60	+7.50	2.65
Growth	158.50	167.80†	+1.90	2.80
Income	244.50	260.60	+2.90	3.82
Intl Equity	258.00	274.40	+2.60	1.15
(Accum Units)	285.20	303.30	+2.80	1.15
UK Income	68.13	72.49	+0.88	3.36
UK Intl 25	82.65	87.94	+1.05	2.30
New Europe	82.07	87.31	-0.38	0.99
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	583.84	635.13	+3.41	0.51
(Accum Units)	594.46	635.79	+3.41	0.51
Income	373.46	399.43	+2.10	3.25
Wwide Recovery	387.32	414.25	+2.22	0.60
Amer Growth Inc	225.62	241.26	+1.11	0.01
(Accum Units)	225.63	241.26	+1.11	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	240.49	257.21	+1.38	0.09
Far Estn Gth Inc	272.44	291.39	+2.55	0.39
(Accum Units)	272.44	291.39	+2.56	0.39
Euro Gwth Inc	149.36	159.74	+0.21	0.79
(Accum Units)	149.75	160.14	+0.21	0.79
UK Growth Inc	94.17	100.72	+0.58	2.73
(Accum Units)	99.07	105.96	-0.59	2.73
High Income	99.99	106.87	+0.47	3.80
Jap Gwth Inc	205.04	219.48	-0.61	0.01
(Accum Units)	205.04	219.48	-0.61	0.01
PEP Growth	128.11	128.46	+0.68	1.09
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	128.09	137.00	+1.94	0.81
(Accum Units)	128.09	137.00	+1.94	0.81
Amer Smlr Co Inc	131.86	140.82	-0.05	0.01
(Accum Units)	131.66	140.82	-0.05	0.81
Global Bond	58.02	59.00	-0.21	5.58
UK Smaller Cos Inc	84.19	90.05	+0.39	1.58
(Accum Units)	87.42	93.56	+0.33	1.56
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 281 3827				
American	99.89	106.27†	-0.18	
European	73.84	78.55	-0.88	
Global	61.33	65.24	-0.25	
Pacific	55.46	59.02†	-0.15	
UK Inc & Grth	66.04	70.26		1.89
PONTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2550 646				
BM Director Olys	95.22	101.41	+0.51	
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	162.65	171.48†	+0.28	0.16
Emerg Mkts	46.23	48.82†	+0.54	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	63.48	67.28†	+0.51	2.49
Growth Income	85.29	89.20	-0.27	2.29
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	139.73	148.65	+1.11	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	96.46	102.60	+1.40	3.39
Conv & Gilt	112.10	119.30†	-0.79	6.27
European Income	75.90	80.75†	-0.03	2.78
Extra Income	155.90	165.90	-0.10	3.58
(Accum Units)	190.90	203.10	-0.20	3.58
Far East	390.40	415.30	+5.50	0.08
(Accum Units)	397.70	423.10	+5.60	0.08
Global Income	28.30	27.97	+0.04	4.90
High Income	118.50	126.10†	+0.60	3.36
(Accum Units)	143.80	153.10	+0.60	3.36
International	199.50	212.20	-3.00	0.87
(Accum Units)	205.50	218.70	+3.10	0.87
Pref & Fxd Int	43.58	46.35†	-0.23	7.67
Recovery	74.78	79.55†	+0.60	2.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	113.00	120.20†	-2.50	1.06
(Accum Units)	123.00	130.90	-1.90	1.06
Technology	440.40	468.50†	+6.90	
UK Blue Chip	72.61	77.24	+0.68	2.38
(Accum Units)	81.20	86.39	+1.00	2.38
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 398 3863				
Equity Gth	184.80	196.60	+1.20	1.74
European Gth	102.00	108.00	-0.38	0.45
Income & Gth	139.30	148.20	+1.20	3.37
Japan Gth	105.60	112.30	-1.20	...
Nth Amer Gth	137.48	146.30	+2.40	0.16
Overseas Gth	94.78	100.80	+0.90	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4400				
Managed Inc	38.73	40.13	+0.30	1.84
Cash Haven Inc	101.56	101.56†	+0.01	5.36
Cash Haven Acc	112.64	113.28†	+0.01	5.36
Dist Trust Inc	98.97	102.45†	+0.37	6.59
Dist Trust Acc	102.97	108.70†	-0.39	6.53
Global Growth	92.19	98.07	+1.34	0.60
Equity Inc	83.50	88.82†	+0.50	3.45
Equity	747.32	794.91†	+7.78	2.37
European	225.08	233.86†	-1.29	0.91
High Income	90.84	95.78	+0.36	5.09
Intl Gth	190.95	203.13	+1.54	0.87
Intl Sml Co	79.38	84.44	+0.24	0.46
Japanese	200.82	208.10	-3.23	
Nth Amer	180.13	188.66†	+5.12	1.42
Pacific Mkts	109.43	113.39	+2.87	0.85
Premier Inc	48.35	50.31†	-0.00	6.67
Sml Cos	91.14	96.95†	+0.40	1.56
Spec Sits	113.10	120.31	+1.24	2.35
UK Growth	126.65	134.73	+1.20	2.25
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	307.70	328.40	+4.10	3.11
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	538.86	573.01	+11.35	0.75
FA America (Acc)	630.22	669.81	+13.62	0.75
FA UK Equity Inc	162.18	172.74†	+1.87	3.51
FA Japan	245.05	260.34	-2.16	
FA Major UK Cos	98.46	104.97	+0.14	2.40
FA Smllr UK Cos	208.92	223.22	+1.67	1.84
FA European	332.75	353.70	-1.52	0.49
FA Amer Smllr Cos	47.03	50.44	+0.63	0.18
FA Asia	52.14	56.03	+1.41	0.18
FA Jap Smllr Cos	39.27	42.08	-0.81	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.87	107.01	+1.84	
UK Smllr Cos	85.94	90.46	+0.47	
UK Income	100.35	105.63	+1.12	
America	108.28	113.97	+2.32	
Japanese	53.88	56.71	-0.47	
European	107.00	112.62	-0.49	
Gilt	91.38	96.18	-0.22	
Deposit	84.78	89.24	+0.01	
Managed	102.42	107.81	+0.77	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	98.85	104.15	+1.60	
UK Smaller Cos	83.69	88.39	+0.47	
UK Income	97.86	103.08	+1.08	
America	105.33	110.87	+2.28	
Japanese	52.42	55.17	-0.47	
European	104.20	109.66	-0.46	
Gilt	90.07	94.80	-0.23	
Deposit	80.83	85.08	+0.01	
Managed	95.08	100.08	+0.86	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 826 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	84.89	90.39	+1.82	0.28
Pacific Basin	79.02	86.66	+0.87	
High Inc Dist	137.89	147.50	+1.89	4.42
Ryl Life Intl Chry	59.29	63.03	+0.25	3.82
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.84	72.34	+0.48	0.827
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.14	67.16	+0.08	
UK Emerging Cos	127.70	138.00†	+0.50	1.11
UK Index Trckg	167.80	178.20†	+0.10	3.21
European	136.70	145.80	-0.90	0.26
Managed	151.30	162.40	+1.10	0.73
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	148.70	157.20		0.42
European Growth	118.10	124.80		1.62
Far East Growth	137.80	146.60		0.42
Japan Growth	129.40	137.50†		
Special Sits	200.60	213.40		1.29
UK Growth	78.89	84.98		2.35
Tilton General	244.00	259.50†		8.93
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	165.80	175.40	+3.50	0.81
Gt Euro Prog Inc	338.40	358.10	+1.20	0.36
(Accum Units)	526.00	556.60	+1.80	0.36
Growth Inc	130.70	138.30	+0.60	0.64
(Accum Units)	133.20	141.80	+0.70	0.64
International Inc	335.70	355.20	+2.20	0.49
(Accum Units)	460.40	487.30	+3.10	0.49
Nth Am & Intl Inc	321.70	340.40	+7.20	0.41
UK Gen Prog Inc	229.40	242.80	+1.70	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	135.70	143.60	+1.60	3.74
SAMWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	67.57	71.87	+1.85	
Asian Gwth	116.85	124.33	+3.43	0.75
European Gwth	71.32	75.86	-0.48	1.00
Global Bd	59.82	63.20	-0.42	5.00
Global Eq	58.09	61.79	+0.33	0.98
Japan Sm Cos	54.92	58.42	-0.73	
UK Gwth	63.45	67.49	+0.62	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.39	77.01†	+1.61	3.41
Amer Smlr Cos	120.49	128.10	+1.96	
Asian Smaller Cos	42.40	45.11†	+1.13	
Capital Portfolio	129.90	138.20†	+1.50	2.44
Cash	127.78	127.78		5.64
China Dragon	60.78	64.66†	+1.64	1.75
Commodity	122.50	130.30	+4.30	0.49
Eastern Discovery	91.96	97.83†	+2.19	
Emerging Mkts	38.92	41.42†	+0.40	0.46
Energy Inds	131.10	139.50	+2.30	0.64
European Gwth	193.76	206.10	-0.10	0.86
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.71	84.80	-0.29	2.24
Euro Smlr Cos	55.22	58.74	-0.22	
Extra Income	53.12	54.88†	+0.24	5.89
Financial Secs	214.20	227.90	+1.90	1.77
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.94	51.85	-0.12	8.59
Gold & Exploration	75.84	80.68	+0.36	
High Return	233.30	248.20	+2.8	4.09
High Yield	228.30	248.20	+1.80	3.62
Income	122.80	130.60	+0.90	4.22
Intl Bond	171.60	181.23	-0.70	5.19
ITU	209.40	222.80	+1.0	1.22
Japan Growth	156.10	166.10	-0.30	
Japan Smaller	152.80	161.90†	-1.10	
Korea	59.53	63.33	+1.44	
Masterfund	55.18	58.70†	-0.11	1.38
Scotbits	324.40	345.10	+2.90	1.32
Scotshares	303.00	322.30†	+2.90	2.17
Scotyields	268.80	284.70	+2.20	3.39
Select Intl	138.20	147.80	+1.80	0.20
Smaller Cos Inc	248.30	264.10	+0.50	3.63
SE Asia	55.39	58.93†	+1.92	
Special Situation	130.20	138.50†	-0.20	0.86
UK Equity	255.60	271.90	+2.40	2.75
UK Growth	66.79	71.05†	+0.61	1.86
UK & O'seas	168.20	178.90†	-1.20	1.15
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	48.66	51.79	+0.21	1.62
US Growth	159.90	165.90	+4.30	0.42
Univ Growth	137.20	148.00	+1.90	0.97
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cllr: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	265.88	282.28†	+3.26	0.97
(Accum Units)	290.64	308.66†	+3.56	0.97
European Gwth	78.06	82.69†	+0.30	1.02
Euro Smlr Cos	90.97	96.36†	-0.34	0.57
Far Eastern Gth	96.76	103.21	+1.64	
(Accum Units)	98.51	105.08	+1.68	
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.17	95.08	-0.17	7.59
Global Bond	52.12	53.86	-0.05	6.79
(Accum Units)	57.18	59.08	-0.05	6.79
Global Emer Mkts	54.69	57.89	+0.66	
(Accum Units)	54.09	57.89	+0.88	
Income	363.39	387.32	+3.17	5.00
(Accum Units)	£11.55	£12.32	+10.10	5.00
Japan Smllr Cos	433.64	462.54	-1.91	
(Accum Units)	434.50	463.46	-1.92	
Japan Enterprise	83.95	88.21	+0.72	
Pacific Gwth	140.58	149.95	+2.94	0.31
(Accum Units)	145.12	154.79	+3.04	0.31
Portfolio	83.67	89.24	+0.74	2.15
(Accum Units)	90.85	96.90	+0.81	2.15
Seoul	45.57	49.81†	+0.52	
(Accum Units)	45.57	49.01†	+0.52	
Smaller Cos	218.23	232.77†	-0.77	1.50
Tokyo	119.17	127.65	+0.58	
(Accum Units)	120.32	128.33	+0.58	
UK Enterprise	269.82	287.80	+3.07	2.14
(Accum Units)	333.08	345.25	+3.68	2.14
UK Equity	252.45	269.27	+2.55	2.78
(Accum Units)	480.54	523.24	+4.86	2.78
US Smllr Cos	168.15	179.36†	+0.80	
(Accum Units)	48.92	51.01†	+0.30	0.79
Institutional Funds				
European	349.80	259.54	+0.08	1.43
(Accum Units)	278.14	288.98	+0.08	1.43
Euro Smll Cos	30.00	31.25†	-0.24	1.72
(Accum Units)	31.88	33.21†	-0.25	1.72
Global Equity Inc	80.07	83.49†	+0.78	1.81
Japan Smlr Cos	35.78	37.27	-0.45	0.83
(Accum Units)	35.96	37.56	-0.46	0.33
Mngd Balanced	194.81	202.51†	+1.52	2.97
(Accum Units)	221.86	231.09†	+1.73	2.97
Overseas Equity	195.58	203.70	+1.62	1.05
(Accum Units)	202.48	210.92	+1.58	1.05
Ocea Smlr Cos	124.65	129.84	+0.19	0.81
(Accum Units)	130.37	135.81	+0.27	0.81
Pacific	264.82	275.64†	+7.55	1.21
(Accum Units)	288.49	301.54†	+8.25	1.21
Recovery	£19.27	£20.07	+17.26	2.91
(Accum Units)	£20.37	£21.22	+18.25	2.91
UK Index	159.36	166.60†	+1.96	3.49
(Accum Units)	188.73	204.92†	+2.42	3.49
UK Small Cos	116.68	121.54	+0.40	2.79
(Accum Units)	125.12	130.32	+0.43	2.79
US Smlr Cos	48.08	50.08†	+0.29	0.79
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.69	55.05	+0.21	3.76
Equity Trust	63.47	67.60	+0.16	3.12
Equity Strategy	74.72	79.58	+0.14	1.41
European Opps	90.59	96.48	-0.21	1.14
UK Smaller Cos	64.76	68.97	-0.09	1.10
Investment Inc	95.41	101.98	+0.64	6.19
Japanese	71.19	75.82	-0.97	
Asia Pacific	124.31	132.38	+3.71	1.20
American	103.59	110.71	+3.10	0.60
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.37	31.37		5.865
UK General Inc	54.52	58.18	+0.71	2.84
(Accum Units)	70.81	74.88	+0.91	2.84
Intl Income	271.00	288.60†	+1.50	1.81
(Accum Units)	468.80	497.40†	+2.70	1.81
European	86.86	90.62	-0.09	1.41
Japan	67.09	71.11	-0.56	0.86
American	72.54	76.81†	+2.17	1.82
Far East	86.64	92.42	+1.98	0.78
Ethical Inc	31.14	33.31	+0.17	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.32	37.75	+0.44	2.96
High Inc Inc	36.57	39.08†	+0.34	3.44
UK Global Inc	41.16	43.87	+0.87	1.57
Wwide Tsst	71.48	75.93†	+0.21	1.25
Europe 2000 Tsst	55.85	59.32	-0.28	1.51
Technology	£16.12	123.60†	+1.27	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	401.70	428.80	+4.80	2.82
American	277.40	294.20	+7.20	0.52
Pacific	388.30	413.20	+3.70	0.82
European	579.30	619.60	-2.10	1.38
Worldwide	90.86	96.32	+0.80	0.68
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	274.80	292.40		1.79
(Accum Units)	345.80	368.10		1.79
UK Sll Co Eq Inc	206.10	219.30		2.04
(Accum Units)	247.10	262.80		2.04
Select Oppty Inc	69.25	74.07		2.02
Income Plus Inc	72.61	77.25		4.10
European Inc	360.90	384.00		1.18
(Accum Units)	407.70	433.80		1.18
Far Eastern Inc	177.33	188.00†		0.88
(Accum Units)	202.70	215.70†		0.88
Japanese Inc	57.98	61.67		
Nth American Inc	239.00	254.30†		0.66
(Accum Units)	263.80	280.70†		0.66

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	301.00	312.92		
Wwide Recov Inc	81.47	86.68		
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	321.30	336.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	551.70	589.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK High Inc	185.70	198.00	-0.70	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	272.50	290.60	-1.50	[illegible]
Europe Inc	387.60	413.30	[illegible]	
Nth Amer Inc	224.60	239.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Inc	206.70	220.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Acc	221.90	235.60	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits Inc	103.00	109.90	-0.30	[illegible]
South East Asia	230.50	245.90	+7.30	[illegible]
Cash Trust Inc	99.96	99.96	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smlr Cos Inc	106.90	114.60	-0.70	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	109.30	116.60	-0.80	[illegible]
Intl Bond Inc	96.11	102.00	-0.20	[illegible]
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	145.60	153.10	[illegible]	4.20
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	132.40	139.49	-0.40	1.07
Nth American	110.70	116.50	+2.80	0.39
Intl Bond & Conv	123.20	129.70	-0.50	[illegible]
Pooled Pension (C)	191.80	206.00	...	2.18
Smaller Cos	78.49	82.62	+0.20	1.43
UK General	134.00	141.10	+1.80	1.98
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 696 6528				
Amer Gth Fund‡	106.20		+1.90	
Asia‡	68.48		+0.40	
European‡	127.90		-2.00	
Global Bond‡	95.14		-0.20	7.79
Investment Trust‡			-3.00	1.96
Preferred Income‡	108.60		-0.60	5.94
Currency‡	46.61		0.53	
Sterling Reserve‡	100.00			6.18
UK Growth‡	100.30		+0.99	2.73
1st Fund‡	103.80		-3.50	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	101.70			1.36
UK Equity Inc‡		...	+0.90	4.90
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	313.80	332.00	-0.60	
Canadian	67.07	70.97	-0.26	0.98
Capital	124.40	133.50	+0.60	1.62
Cash	100.87	100.87	+0.01	5.81
European	138.30	145.30†	-0.30	1.13
Far Eastern	149.10	157.70	-2.30	
Growth	137.40	145.30	+1.20	1.07
Income	127.60	134.90	+0.20	5.45
Magnet	133.50	143.20	+0.50	1.58
Smlr Secs	383.20	405.50	+1.00	0.85
Thoroughbred	154.10	165.50	+1.00	1.44
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	49.74	50.23†	+0.01	5.70
Capital Protector	55.48	59.65	-0.18	7.90
Ethical	57.45	61.77	-0.20	2.60
European Growth	77.33	82.93†	-0.77	2.80
Income	54.67	58.79†	+0.34	6.00
Intl Growth	100.90	108.10†	+0.30	2.60
Managed	85.34	91.76	+0.55	3.70
UK Growth	63.48	68.27	+0.38	3.30
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	40.57	40.70	+0.20	1.88
Global Advtg Acc	43.48	43.70	-0.38	1.88
Income Advtg Inc	31.88	32.04	-0.20	4.04
Income Advtg Acc	35.63	35.81	+0.10	4.04
UK Equity Gth Acc	68.66	72.78	+0.19	1.13
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	52.78	56.08	+0.20	1.71
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	37.55	39.90	+0.12	3.30
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	47.65	50.81	+0.10	3.30
UK Equity Gen Acc	64.30	68.32	+0.20	2.16
UK Equity Gen Inc	47.04	49.98	+0.10	2.16
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.03	32.82	-0.10	6.04
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	329.50	351.16	+0.70	1.95
Nth American Acc	47.05	50.08	+1.10	0.58
Far East Acc	69.86	74.23	+0.10	0.43
European Acc	54.80	58.23	-0.10	0.98
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.815	4.046		1.81
US Eqs (US$)	2.676	2.837		0.61
Far East Eqs (yen)	200.20	212.60		
Japan Eqties (yen)	178.10	189.10		
FT Europe	132.90	141.10		1.83
FT N Amer (US$)	1.981	2.110		0.85
FT Japan (yen)	189.80	201.60		
FT Asia Ex-Jap (US$)	2.608	2.786		1.34
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	382.30	406.70	+8.10	
British	£10.42	£11.03	+7.10	3.39
Emging Mkts	130.28	147.80	+2.20	0.45
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Japan	133.90	142.40	-2.90	
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Mngd Equity	178.70	183.10	+1.00	1.72
Mngd Cash	96.01	96.01	+0.01	5.62
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North America	131.00	140.10	+3.20	0.45
Far East	152.20	162.80	+3.90	0.22
Wwide Bond	59.18	62.82	+0.01	4.84
European	107.50	115.00	-0.80	0.92
Equity Income	91.78	98.18†	-1.05	4.01
Portfolio	80.21	85.41	+1.02	1.71
UK Leading Cos	63.57	67.81†	+0.61	3.36
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European	38.76	41.24†	-0.23	0.20
High Income	34.01	36.19	-0.21	4.80
Japan	34.56	36.76	-0.46	
Managed Assets	131.41	140.55	+1.57	2.66
North American	33.87	36.04	+0.78	1.00
Smlr Co's Inc	30.57	32.95†	+0.07	2.60
Smlr Co's Acc	33.20	35.32†	-0.07	2.60
UK Growth Inc	59.96	63.79	+0.51	3.30
UK Growth Acc	64.92	69.07	+0.55	3.30
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Discretionary	49.28	52.43	+0.02	
Cap Protector Inc	42.38	45.33†	+0.49	2.94
UK Income Inc	52.99	56.67	+0.01	3.49
Mngd Exec Inc Inc	33.36	35.68†	+0.17	5.19
Mngd High Yld Inc	61.05	65.56†	+0.42	4.24
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	76.90	82.25†	+0.35	3.73
UK Smaller Cos	35.30	37.75	+0.64	2.08
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American	218.36	231.07	+4.69	
(Accum Units)	240.51	254.51	+5.16	
Brit Growth	100.95	106.84	+0.53	2.15
(Accum Units)	122.49	129.62	+0.63	2.15
European	107.14	113.38	-1.37	0.55
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General	298.47	315.84	+0.92	2.42
(Accum Units)	617.82	653.77	+1.90	2.42
Prestige Income	48.97	52.05†	-0.67	6.25
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INFOTECH

Be your own scientist

Soon we will not have to rely on officialdom to check radiation, noise, pollution and toxicity levels, **Nigel Burke** says

Only the most anxious of citizens actually own Geiger counters. It's very rare to find uranium dumped on the village green, although in January, some Uranium 238 was found dumped on farmland near Chelveston in Northamptonshire.

But radiation monitors have been available for private purchase for some years, and a growing range of measuring instruments is coming along to join them. A plenitude of various little boxes with microprocessors inside and liquid crystal display screens on them is about to engulf the world.

Component costs and development costs have dropped to the point where small engineering houses can now brew up gadgets to probe for infra-red hot-spots, noise levels, electric and magnetic fields, water quality and air quality, methane, pH, humidity, atmospheric ions and microwaves — and keep the cost down.

It's not just good news for the environmental hypochondriac and techno-toy collector. The significance is that affordable instrumentation can set individuals and neighbourhood groups free from the patronage of government science, business science, and pressure group science.

Lay people cannot determine for themselves the consequences of having, say, ten parts per million of formaldehyde in the air where they work, but at least they need not rely on anyone else to tell them how much there is.

The trend is to a limited scientific autonomy. Among engineering companies who make consumer-friendly instrumentation, there are some with strong awareness that their products have a moral or political dimension. At Perspective Scientific in Baker Street, Nick Clough recalls a sense of frustration at not being able to buy a radiation monitor.

"I started my company ten years ago, largely because a British company would not sell me an instrument. They claimed that they would not sell to the general public for ethical reasons as they would not understand what they were measuring." Mr Clough now produces a £125 radiation meter and a £110 meter for the electromagnetic fields emanating from power lines and computer screens.

The people who refused to sell a Geiger counter to Mr Clough made a telling general point. Ionising radiation is largely misunderstood. But anything in the home, office or play area that exhibits much more than the background blips of ambient radiation needs getting rid of. Simple.

Not all environmental presences are so simple, but one great virtue of microprocessor instruments is that they can self-test, self-calibrate, and sometimes boil down the measurements they take to an indication of safe or unsafe conditions.

Product Innovation's Hotspotter, for example, is an optical thermometer that can detect smouldering or overheating electrical fittings from a distance, and it simply emits a whine whose pitch increases when it is pointed at something warm.

Nobody expects a smoke detector to read out the density and composition of smoke. In the same vein, the £50 Detecta I carbon monoxide detector simply plugs into a mains socket and screeches when poor ventilation has permitted the build-up of dangerous toxic gas.

The more exciting developments in pocket lab equipment are not in the interfaces, but in new sensors. In particular, biotechnology and electropolymers offer a range of new things to detect. Covert drugs tests for one's children and home DNA checks for paternity and genetic diseases may be the first mass market products from the union of life sciences and consumer electronics.

The Neotronics company is pursuing an electropolymer technology that has the capacity to measure complex vapours, including biological ones such as the characteristic vapours of wine fermentation and rotting fish.

The existing applications concern quality control in the food industry, but work is progressing in the medical field towards the early detection of diseases such as diabetes, that create characteristic odours on the body or breath.

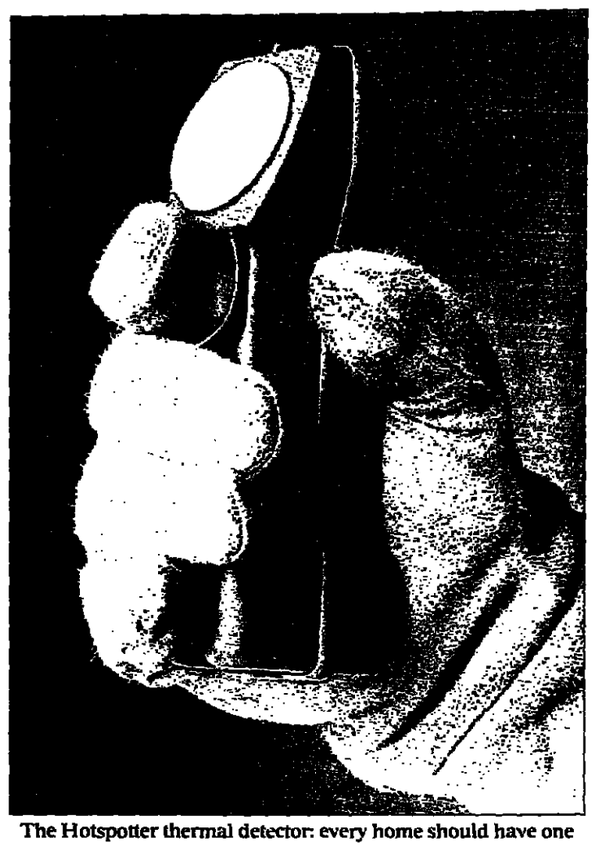
Electropolymer sensors are as yet hard to mass produce, but chemical-sensing technologies promise to give individuals the power to test water for a wide variety of contaminants, such as aluminium sulphate.

Housebuyers might appreciate the opportunity to test local soil for toxic chemicals with a pocket sensor, since the Government decided in 1993 not to publish the toxic land register it had promised in the late 1980s.

It might well be possible to assay the quality of food, drink, and most consumer commodities with versatile, integrated sensors of the future, and usurp the state's subsidiary function as the only authoritative assayer.

Many years stretch between the little instruments of today and the fully integrated environmental monitor of the future that should become an ideal wedding present for a couple setting up home.

But with declining trust in paternal institutions, and the advance of instrumentation, relying on other people for scientific surveys will become as quaint as listening for church bells to find out the time.



The Hotspotter thermal detector: every home should have one

Pint of best and an hour on the Internet, please? **Matthew May** inspects Britain's first 'cyberpub'

Catering for the computer literati

One place you might think you are safe from banks of glowing computer screens is the pub. Not so. This week what is said to be Britain's first "cyberpub" opened in Nottingham's Victoria Centre where customers are expected to want to mix a pint of best bitter with a surf of the Internet.

Along with a packet of crisps and a gin and tonic you can also order an hour on one of eight computer terminals in the bar.

Unlike more traditional pub pastimes, such as darts or dominoes, joining the information superhighway is not free. Customers will have to pay £5 an hour for the privilege (students £3), but are then free to roam the Internet.

If you have a problem, any of the bar staff should be able to help as all are promised to be computer literate. Bar snacks are on offer from a Cyberbites menu, and if you despair at what you can possibly do in a pub while waiting for a free terminal there are plenty of computer magazines on offer.

Ansells, the company behind the idea for the pub, which it developed with US computer firm Digital Equipment, says it exects to open ten more cyberpubs by the winter.

The Nottingham pub, once the Bar Nevada, is actually called Cyberpub. It is a name Ansells is going to try to turn into a trademark for use around the country, forcing competitors to come up with something else to describe any rival pubs with PCs.



The Cyberpub in Nottingham has computer-literate bar staff to help the customers

Last word in pager-chic

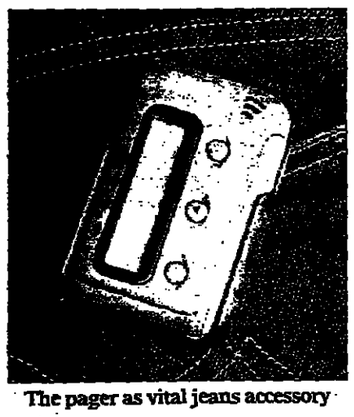
Benetton is giving pagers the cult treatment

High fashion is not usually associated with the electronic gizmos that are becoming part of daily life. Computers, mobile phones and pagers generally come in tasteful shades of grey and black, with all the style and grace of an engineering brick.

This could be about to change. Yesterday United Colors of Benetton announced a pager that they claim is "this summer's most desirable accessory".

Recently, Motorola began selling two-tone mobile phones, available in 11 colour combinations. And Packard Bell's multimedia personal computers come with a choice of front panels, enabling users to change the colour of their PC to suit the decorations in their home.

Benetton's pager, made in fact by Motorola, attempts to bring style and colour to pager design, a million miles from the black boxes you see hanging from the belts of security guards and plumbers. They are aimed at young night-clubbing teenagers, who, it is hoped, will see them as a cheaper form of communication than mobile phones, but still available for use on the move.



The pager as vital jeans accessory

The £99 unit displays only figures, not letters, so messages have to be sent in code. But a similar system has taken off in the US, where children have developed whole codebooks of arcane and sometimes bizarre abbreviated codes. 0 means no, 1 means yes, obviously enough. 180 means "there has been a major change of plans" and 360 means "back to original plan". Naturally, 13 is "bad luck", and 1402, as in Valentine's day, is "I love you".

A somewhat less wacky unit has been sold by Mercury for the last six months with some success. Now Benetton hopes to bring the concept to a wider, more fashion-conscious audience.

The advantage for young people (and their parents) is that once the pager is purchased there are no further subscription charges. Instead, the system is funded through calls to the pager, which each cost a flat rate of 25p.

CHRIS PARTRIDGE

Shopping at home by satellite

A new service links phones and TV

A new way to use the teletext pages broadcast with each television channel starts next week. From Monday BSkyB is to start a service called Intertext on four of its satellite channels. Those viewers who have a teletext TV and a touch tone telephone will be able to select from potentially thousands of of pages of information held on computer and have their selection displayed on a personal teletext page.

Eleven companies have signed up for the first services, ranging from company news and share price information from the *Investors Chronicle* to late availability and purchase of concert, theatre and football tickets from First Call.

To use the service Sky viewers look up the relevant telephone number on the teletext system. Out of the eleven companies initially using the system ten will use premium rate telephone numbers. The one exception is P&O European Ferries, which will offer timetables, prices and credit card bookings for all its standard routes.

Once the number is phoned an automatic telephone response system gives each viewer a unique teletext page number to call up. By using the telephone keypad viewers can select the specific information they are interested in.

Also on offer will be timetables, prices and ticket information for Eurostar and international train departures from British Rail International, a guide to holiday and businesss destinations from Thomas Cook, car insurance from Admiral Insurance and product and banking information from the Co-operative Bank.

From the beginning of next year the bank says it will expand the service to include home banking: viewers will be able to call up on-screen bank statements and conduct simple transactions.

MATTHEW MAY

ONLINE

Brain versus bytes as Kasparov plays IBM

DEEP BLUE, IBM's chess playing computer, is to play world champion Garry Kasparov next February in Philadelphia. Deep Blue is a so-called parallel computing system with hundreds of special accelerator chips attached to a powerful IBM mainframe computer. IBM said that by February it will be able to analyse nearly one billion chess positions per second.

Last month Kasparov gained his revenge over the Pentium Genius, a much simpler chess computer that beat him last year.

Notebook chip

INTEL has introduced a new version of its powerful Pentium chip for mobile computers. This week Toshiba, Dell and Hewlett Packard announced new notebook computers designed around the chip, which will go on sale this winter.The new chip, which costs around £270, uses up to 30 per cent less power than its desktop counterpart.

Fishy effect

BUSY Japanese who love to keep colourful fish but often forget to feed or clean out their water can now find the answer to their pet problem in the "virtual fishbowl".NEC has come up with a £12,000 video system aimed at hotels, restaurants and companies, which shows three-dimensional images of real-sized fish swimming in a small aquarium. The system combines a laser disc player, a 32-inch high-definition television and a thin water tank placed in front of the monitor, to produce the three-dimensional effect

Cable island

SINGAPORE will start towards its goal of becoming the world's first "intelligent island" when cable television starts later this month. There will be a choice of 30 channels but the objective of the £225 million network is to wire every household to a cable linked to an optical fibre within five years. The network will provide interactive tutorials in which adults and students can access databases, home shopping and video conferencing.

Little brother

SOME IS law enforcement agencies throughout the United States are testing a video camera smaller than a badge that can be used inconspicuously for surveillance or to record the behaviour of suspected speeders or drunk drivers when stopped. A two-by-two-inch camera is worn on the shirt and connected to a transmitter on the belt the size of a walkie-talkie. The black-and-white pictures are transmitted to an antenna on top of a police car connected to a video cassette recorder.



Power launch

IBM is expected to launch its first personal computers later this month based on the Power PC chip it developed with Apple Computer and Motorola. Prices will start from around £2,000 for a multimedia desktop computer with videoconferencing and speech recognition.

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Dial up a new job today

When an IT department needs freelances, it often wants them to have started yesterday. The latest online recruitment services should help to speed up matters, John Samson reports

We keep hearing that the Internet will change our lives, whether we like it or not. Well, it's already happening. In some sectors of the business world, such as the recruitment of contract staff for information technology, traditional methods are being challenged by electronic alternatives.

Behind the scenes, the two main publications in this niche market, *Freelance Informer* and *Computer Contractor*, have been engaged in a technology race. This ended about a month ago when both publications launched their online supplements to conventional paper publishing.

The two titles have opted for different types of online service. *Freelance Informer* is offering a bulletin board, while *Computer Contractor* is on the Internet. Both services give the electronic reader access to information such as news items and features, but the real value to IT contractors is online access to freelance opportunities.

The reason electronic publishing is having such an early impact on this specialised part of the IT market is because of the speed at which it moves. When an IT department need freelances, it often wants them to start yesterday, and the agencies which serve them are in a race to get the CVs of suitable and available applicants delivered to the relevant manager as quickly as possible. Vacancies advertised electronically can be accessed by prospective candidates almost immediately.

The only snag in this brave new world of electronic recruitment is that not every prospective freelance has a modem. There are currently around 25,000 working contractors in the IT industry and probably fewer than 20 per cent have the equipment and knowledge necessary to use these new online jobs pages.

However, this number is growing rapidly and recruiters are particularly anxious to reach the early adopters of online technology, precisely because these are very often the ideal candidates for the vacancies they are trying to fill. An agency which can put forward one or two excellent candidates will often win against another putting forward half a dozen also-rans.

One of the key factors from the job-seeker's point of view is accessibility, and on this point a bulletin board with its own dedicated phone number may have a slight advantage, in that Internet access is not required.

Of course, the user will need a personal computer, a modem and suitable communications software (which often comes with the modem), but that's all. With that the bulletin board can be dialled and the latest contract opportunities accessed using a search key mechanism.

The lowest level of Internet access is an electronic mail-only service, and some companies now provide this to employees, so that some people who do not have it at home may have it at work. E-mail gives the job-seeker the chance to try out the recruitment services which use this medium.

One of the new electronic media challenging traditional publishers in this field is called Jobserve. It has attracted a good following with an electronic readership of around 3,000. For a job-seeker to use this service, he or she need only send a blank E-mail message to the electronic address:
subscribe@jobserve.com

This will result in a daily e-mail bulletin of new contract vacancies being sent. Like all of the electronic recruitment services, the stream of vacancies can be filtered to deliver only those of interest to the individual job-seeker by using keywords to highlight particular skill areas.

Jobserve has been around for about six months and on a typical day carries about 50 new contract opportunities.

Computer Contractor's e-mail server, part of its recently launched job.net package, operates on a similar principle. All a contractor has to do is send an e-mail message with the word "subscribe" in its contents field to e-mail address:
contracts-quick@mpn.com

This will also result in a daily e-mail bulletin of freelance opportunities being sent every day. When the candidate has found a job, this daily bulletin will no longer be wanted, and can be switched off at once by simply sending an "unsubscribe" message to the same address.

If a prospective freelance just wants a one-off listing of all outstanding vacancies, then a message "get assignments" to e-mail address:
contracts-quick@mpn.com
will achieve this result.

The next level of sophistication for an electronic job-seeker is full Internet access which opens the door to the World Wide Web with its hypertext links and clever graphics.

Computer Contractor's web pages include freelance vacancies which can be updated by advertisers almost instantly. Another purely electronic publication offering similar Web access is Cyber Contracts. One thing is certain. IT freelances won't be short of choices in the electronic job centre of the future.

The Freelance Informer bulletin board is on 0181-652 3444.
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■ THEATRE 1

In Birmingham, Terry Hands's revival of *The Importance of Being Earnest* needs to calm down



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Feeling good with a little risqué rock'n'roll: *The Rocky Horror Show* is back in the West End

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■ MUSIC 1

The music of Jonathan Harvey and the dreams of Utopia find a perfect match at the Bath Festival



■ MUSIC 2

Authority on the podium as Andrew Davis conducts new work and old with the BBC SO in Birmingham

Wilde ride, no brakes

Earnest centenary staging in Birmingham; a cult musical extravaganza returns to the West End (below)

The Importance of Being Earnest
Birmingham Rep

The powers-that-be at Birmingham are advertising Terry Hands's revival of *The Importance* as *the* centenary production. That seems a bit unwise, for it was almost 100 years to the day that Oscar Wilde was sentenced to hard labour and the play, so successful at first, was forced to close. Certainly it raises an obvious question. What does Birmingham actually succeed in celebrating, triumph or disaster?

Neither quite, or neither yet. This is a lavish, energetic production, one that does far more to reinforce the play's reputation than the much-touted Maggie Smith botch-up of two years ago. But at times it is so strenuously busy that you feel like jumping onstage and forcing the cast en masse to take the sort of dope test given to sprinters after 100yd dashes. Something calming is needed — yoga classes, cold showers, a dab of chloroform on everybody's handkerchief? — before the play moves to the Old Vic in July.

Take Algernon, for instance. He is played by Philip Franks, whom many will remember as the mild, virtuous Tom Pinch in *Martin Chuzzlewit* on television. Here he comes across rather differently. It is not merely that he lives in a Half Moon Street flat that as gorgeously redesigned by Mark Bailey, resembles a palace put together by a Turkish pasha and an Indian rajah. He gambols and tumbles among the carpets and drapes, gongs and cushions, his odd satin knickerbockers adding to the impression of a Lord Fauntleroy on speed.

That is not necessarily or wholly a bad idea. Algy is certainly restless and, though as intellectually adroit as anyone in Wilde, can doubtless be regarded as emotionally callow. He must dash off on impulse to meet the ward of his friend Jack Worthing, pass himself off as his wicked brother Ernest, and promptly propose marriage to her. But Franks pushes frolicsome narcissism too hard for what is, after all, an elegantly artificial comedy, not a spoof study of upper-crust immaturity. Unsurprisingly, he does not always get the laughs a cooler delivery of those urbane witticisms would ensure.

That sense of strain is evident elsewhere, too. The sunset affection burgeoning between Canon Chasuble and Miss Prism is nicely suggested by Patrick Godfrey — but should Rosalind Knight practically headbutt him by way of signalling her delight at his attentions? Again, Jack's beloved Gwendolen need not be the sleek, spoilt, essentially passive beauty many actresses make her — but doesn't Abigail Cruttenden overcompensate with too brash and pushy a performance? Hands rightly rejects conventional Victorian lassitude, only to embrace an excessively modern volatility.

That is apparent in the way Barbara Leigh-Hunt, a fine and underrated actress, plays the grande dame who oversees all these confused amours. Her Lady Bracknell is always interesting, never quite coherent. She can be unwontedly mellow and friendly, even joining in the laughter at Algy's tale of the widow whose hair has turned gold from grief. She can be haughty, angry, avaricious, appalled and distraught. She has found a new way of expressing the character's feelings about Jack's infant abode, transforming the famous words "a handbag!" into a piece of aghast dumbshow, more gape than whisper. But she is playing the moments, not finding the centre. Beside Maggie Smith's bird of prey or Judi Dench's pedigree terrier or even Irene Handl's nouveau-riche *hausfrau*, her Bracknell so far lacks consistency and solidity.

Yet though the faces in the audience around me sometimes looked more puzzled than amused, this is a production with a good chance of improving. Time and experience can and should bring confidence, relaxation and, with them, the poise that Wilde demands. In any case, one performance is already showing the way. Roger Allam's Jack is part of the problem when he signals nervousness by overdeliberately shaking the crockery he happens to be holding, but part of the solution when he is obsequiously nodding and bowing at Leigh-Hunt's frosty Bracknell, his mouth an awful grinning rictus as she contemptuously turns away. There, surely, is the right balance of realism and fun.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



Medicine bag: the frantic pace of Birmingham's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* makes you want to give the cast a dope test

Back to base camp

The Rocky Horror Show
Duke Of York's

One more time. The super-cult, mock-gothic musical, originally conceived by Richard O'Brien in 1965, is back. This is essentially the same production as seen here last year, but with some cast changes. What matter if you cannot make out the lyrics over the pumping backing band? You should know them by heart by now. The blare may become a blur, but this is a persistently feel-good show, shaking the grand old Duke of York's with some risqué rock 'n' roll.

So, the groupies, dedicatedly tricked out in their fave characters' gear, are once again tottering down St Martin's Lane: a nightmare of fishnets, corsets and spooky-punky make-up. The knowingly naff Nicholas Parsons is still narrating the mock-B-movie adventures of Brad and Janet.

Former skating star Robin Cousins takes on the role of sex-mad scientist Frank N. Furter. He sings rock with some gusto, strutting in his suspenders, belting out *Sweet Transvestite* with bursts of hardcore raucousness relieved by high-pitched patches. Unfortunately, he has not got the luridly enticing looks of Tim Curry, immortalised in the movie. Cousins can dance, and does a witty send-up of a dying swan when Frank is finally zapped by Riff Raff, his extraterrestrial butler. But he is not wholly liberated in his platform heels. He also desperately needs to get his skates on when it comes to spoken lines. The show looses oomph as soon as he has to act.

Several of the main roles are more weakly played than before. Tony Dowding (former member of the pop group Bad Boys Inc) is not much good as Rocky, the peroxide Tarzan created by Frank in his cranky laboratory. Dowding's acting is limited to endless grins and a couple of tensed biceps. Riff Raff (Vas Constanti) manages to be unremarkable even with the black-ringed eyes of the living dead, suspiciously skin-tight satin livery, and a burning lust for his sister, Magenta (Corrina Powlesland, who has more bite).

Nicholas Parsons remains a pleasing glutton for punishment, lapping up cheek from the audience and giving as good as he gets. Joanne Farrell (recently in *Grease*) also shines as Janet, converting from powder-pink goody-goodness to the leather jacket of lost innocence. The story, for all its flimsy structuring, perhaps has some of the archetypal appeal of *Midsummer Night's Dream*: a fantasy of the faithfully affianced having a wayward fling, here with a radical question mark hanging over their ability to return to orthodox wedding bells. And, of course, the tunes are kind of catchy.

KATE BASSETT



Former ice-skating star Robin Cousins struts his stuff in suspenders as the sex-mad scientist Frank N. Furter

Vision and variations

NEW MUSIC: Utopia comes to Bath; Purcell goes Danish in Birmingham

THE music of Jonathan Harvey is perhaps not everyone's idea of Utopia, but Utopia is the theme of this year's Bath Festival. Harvey is its featured composer, and they seem to go together rather well. Harvey is, after all, a visionary composer; the religious aspiration is always there and often discernible too.

In comparison with the specifically if eccentrically Catholic sentiment of the *Quatuor pour la Fin du Temps*, the expressive content of Harvey's recent *Scena*, which was presented alongside that Messiaen masterpiece in a Bath Festival concert in the Assembly Rooms, seems scarcely religious at all. Indeed, as the title suggests, *Scena* is a series of more or less operatic events, the principal interest of which is the agitated Orpheus-like reactions of the solo-violin protagonist and the dramatic colouring of the accompanying mixed ensemble.

But as the rhetorical virtuosity of the solo part and the multi-faceted activity of the others are both modified, so that they move towards common ground, and as they finally combine in exotically inflected unison melody, the aspiration is clearly otherworldly, if only in the most generalised way. Written originally for Irvine Arditti and the Ensemble of Amsterdam, *Scena* was given a most convincing first British performance by the same soloist and the expert instrumentalists of the **Nash Ensemble**.

THERE is always a danger, however, even at the Bath Festival, that a visionary composer will try to take his audience further into transcendental thinking than their culture allows them to go. Of the two works by Harvey in the concert given by **Birmingham Contemporary Music Group** and **Birmingham Electro-Acoustic Sound Theatre**, the earlier, *Mortuos Plango, Vivos Voco*, met no such resistance: in its poetic treatment of sounds derived from the great tenor bell of Winchester Cathedral and the voice of a treble chorister (Dominic Harvey), it is an extension of the Anglican experience — an English equivalent of Stockhausen's *Gesang der Jünglinge*.

In *One Evening* — which was being given its first British performance by BEAST and BCMG under the direction of Stefan Asbury — Harvey is straining at the limits of our comprehension. That is what vision is all about, of course. There are some beautiful textures in *One Evening*, which is uncommonly successful in combining sounds from electronically generated and live instrumental and vocal sources. But in defining the four states of consciousness represented by the Zen-Buddhist, Sanskrit and other texts (sung and chanted on this occasion in the Guildhall by Sarah Leonard and Mary King), Harvey's music is specifically meaningful only in the "hideous nothingness" of the third movement.

FOR the **BBC Symphony Orchestra**'s contribution to Music Live 95 — a concert under Andrew Davis in Birmingham's Symphony Hall — the BBC had commissioned a new work. Turning to the Danish composer Poul Ruders, they invited a comment on the Fairest Isle from across the water and secured a hugely entertaining and by no means unaffectionate answer.

Concerto in Pieces is a kind of concerto for orchestra in the form of ten variations on a theme by Purcell — a situation which immediately calls Britten's *Young Persons' Guide* to mind. Ruders avoids direct comparisons: his theme, from a Witches' Chorus in the second act of *Dido and Aeneas*, is nothing like the one Britten chose; the instruments he so lyrically highlights — saxophone, tuba, jazz-muted trumpet — are not prominent in Britten's score.

Even so, Britten's presence is felt as keenly in *Concerto in Pieces* as that of Purcell. As the variations twist away from *Dido and Aeneas*, they offer wittily oblique but unmistakable glimpses of Britten and the Purcell image is reassembled only towards the end, where it makes an effectively conclusive reflection of the opening of the work.

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■ WEEKEND

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■ WEEKEND

Crooner with charm: a little Spanish night music as Julio Iglesias breezes into Birmingham

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■ POP

Caitlin Moran finds herself in seventh heaven: the Boo Radleys have finally made it to the mainstream



■ JAZZ

Herbie Hancock did his best, but he couldn't compete with the sound of squashed plastic beer glasses

A simply divine madness



Now that Pulp have a hit single in the grown-up charts, Jarvis Cocker (centre) need never throw himself out of a window again to get the girl

How an obnoxious teenager, revelling in the obscurity of her pop passions, met Bros in the supermarket aisle to Damascus

The whole world has gone *mad*. Utterly, utterly *mad*. As a very uptight and musically snobbish 15-year-old, I rejoiced in a list, pinned to the back of my bedroom door, of my ten favourite bands. When people came to visit, I would show them my list and secretly hug myself inside every time they said: "Who? Who's *that*? Never heard of them."

I went for obscure, balding American singer-songwriters and bands with strange names: American Music Club, the Blue Nile, the Toiling Midgets. Ed Kuepper. *Eleventh Dream Day* — bands that only music journalists and people in anoraks with a strange, sad, haunted look in their eye would ever have heard of. I clung to their obscurity and cult status, wrote their names on my skin in felt-tip and drifted around town, feeling tattooed by their genius, and somehow more gorgeous and arcane than the sadly bepermed 15-year-old girls hanging around outside *Our Price* and *talking about Bros*. Lord, how I hated Bros, with their album sales in six figures, their radio-play and their *fans*. How disgusting to have *fans*. I was a *devotee*.

At the time, I believed music was something you could hoard, and that the music I loved was too delicate, silk-spun and beautiful for the *ordinary* person's ears.

Then, three years ago, I was idly pushing a trolley down the "Women's Things" aisle in a supermarket in Holloway, when Bros's *I Owe You Nothing* came over the PA system. Instantly, pop-music sherbert fizzed into my frontal lobes, and I realised I had loved Bros *all along*, with a *desperate passion* which I had had to suppress during my "Cool Years." How I resented my former self for not giving into Broslust and squealing, every time they appeared on *Going Live*. In that supermarket in Holloway, I realised that all *great* music should be heard by as many *people as possible*, and *trying* to keep music to yourself is as pointless and impossible as nailing sunlight to the wall.

Fast forward to the back end of 1993, and I am still obsessed with obscure bands. The only difference now is, *I want people to hear them*. Every time I mention a swoon-inducing pet love of mine, only to be rewarded with a "Who? Never-heard-of-them", a little part of my soul reaches for the Kleenex. I have wild, unstoppable crushes on the Boo Radleys, Pulp, Oasis, Blur, Hole and Elastica, none of whom, at that point, could sell records, even if there was a tenner stapled to the cover.



CAITLIN MORAN

The charts are full of old men with bad skin, singing the soundtracks to dull movies, and the alternative music underground is thinking of packing it in.

And then suddenly, the world went starry-eyed and mad. *Top of The Pops* suddenly became the coolest show on earth — a weekly Mardi Gras of the divine and the debauched: Radio 1 became One FM and practically issued a *fatwah* against Michael Bolton and spiritual plumbers of his ilk, replacing his dull discs with Björk. Portishead and other spangled wonders; and the charts seemed to be issued from *within my head* — what with Blur, Oasis, the Boo Radleys, Elastica, Kristin Hersh and other fire-veined loons having No 1 albums.

In the past month alone, the madness of the world can be gauged by the following events: 1) The Boo Radleys on *Top of The Pops*. This is the *same* Boo Radleys who were nicknamed "the Doo Badleys" because of microscopic *sales figures. Them. on TOTP. With a* No 1 album.2) Pulp have a single at No 2. Pulp! That band from Sheffield who have been rigging since 1980, at the very least. That band who had a singer who was in a wheelchair, after falling out of a window when a prank to impress a girl went wrong. Jarvis Cocker will never need to leap out of a window for a shag again — he is at No 2 in the real, grown-up charts. 3) *Menswear exclusively previewed on TOTP*. Menswear had only been together as a band for, like, two days or something when they made their television debut. They did not even know each other's names! 4) McAlmon and Bernard Butler have a Top Ten hit. Top Ten. Boggle.

Add to this Blur, Oasis, Elastica, Portishead, Tricky, Radiohead, Therapy?, P.J. Harvey and, soon, ex-Happy Mondays Shaun Ryder's Black Grape, and you realise that this Pop World Madness is simply the integration of the alternative music scene within the mainstream. And while the snobbish 15-year-od in all of us may bridle at this, hopefully, the beautiful, ever-wondering part will rejoice.



WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION The 227th Summer Show, the largest open contemporary art exhibition in the world, opens on Sunday. Innovation and creativity are the buzzwords for the committee's choice of painters, sculptors, printmakers and architects who show their work alongside that of internationally acclaimed artists.
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National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight 7pm; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm

GREENWICH FESTIVAL Celebrations open tonight to fireworks, street drama, music from Brazil, and the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. Highlights over the weekend for the 26th Festival include the melodious tenor saxophonist David Jean-Baptiste, the Chagall Trio, with works by Haydn, Beethoven, Suk and Grieg, Pimlico Opera, and Irish singer Dolores Keane.
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CARDIFF Tadaaki Otaka and the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** are joined by a star-studded cast and the BBC Welsh and Symphony Choruses for a thrilling end-of-season concert. Sunday's programme is devoted to Lutoslawski's Symphony No 3 and Beethoven's Symphony No 9, Choral.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 371236) Sun, 7.30pm

LEEDS Morag Hood plays a woman with breast cancer who retreats to the north-shire Dales and thinks back over her past. John Harrison and Jude Kelly direct the world premiere of Harrison's own play, **Holidays**.
Courtyard West Yorkshire Playhouse (0113-244 2111) Previews tonight and *tomorrow*, opens Mon, at 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats June 14, 28, 2pm; June 24, 3pm. Until June 30

PERTH The Richard Alston Dance Company headlines the closing weekend of the **Perth Festival of the Arts**, a team of the former artistic director of Rambert Dance and nine members of the London Contemporary Dance Theatre. Other highlights include a recital from Yvonne Howard and Scott Mitchell, Handel's *Israel in Egypt* and an evening of Beethoven from the City of London Sinfonia.
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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **THE BROKEN HEART** Excellent, clear staging by Michael Boyd of Ford's murky melodrama of revenge. Emma Fielding, Iain Glen, Philip Voss are outstanding at the core of the torment.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. Opens June 6

☐ **DUMBSTRUCK** Extravagantly over-the-top black farce, set in a boarding-house in 1960s Glasgow. *Finally too much*.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE** The corks is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm

▣ **HOT MIKADO** Irresistably enjoyable jazz and jitterbug version of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera. Superb clowning from Ross Lehman's Ko-Ko.
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☐ **INSIGNIFICANCE** Terry Johnson directs a revival of his own marvellous play. Frances Barber, Alun Armstrong, Ian Hogg and Jack Klaff play Marilyn Monroe, Einstein, Sen McCarthy and Joe Di Maggio.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). *New previewing*, 6pm, opens June 7

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE** Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy, with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm

▣ **NERVOUS BREAKDOWN** Dark deeds at a run-down petrol station off the M6. Conrad Orton directs Douglas Esson's play, winner of the theatre's playwriting award.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0191-680 4060). Previews begin tonight, 8pm, opens June 6, 6.30pm

☐ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS** O'Casey's tremendous tragi-comedy in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **RICHARD III** For his first Shakespeare production, Brian Cox directs Jasper Britton in the title role. Some excellent acting but it doesn't quite hang together.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Until June 10, 8pm, mat June 7, 2.30pm. In rep from June 12

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE** David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ▾) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN (18) Inadequate thriller about London's smart young drug addicts, with Elizabeth Hurley, C. Thomas Howell and Jose Ackland. Director, Henry Cole.
Electric ▣ (0171-792 2020) **Plaza** ▣ (0800 888997)

SOMEBODY TO LOVE (18) Flawed but vibrant hymn to life's underdogs from Alexandre Rockwell, director of *In the Soup*. With Rosie Perez and Harvey Keitel.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722)

TALES FROM THE CRYPT: DEMON KNIGHT (18) Lively spin-off from the television series, featuring gore, glop and juvenile humour. With William Sadler and Billy Zane, director, Ernest Dickerson.
MGM Trocadero ▣ (0171-434 0031); **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332)

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◆ **BOYS ON THE SIDE** (15) Unappealing women's picture with Whoopi Goldberg, Mary Louise Parker, Drew Barrymore, Herbert Ross directs.
Barbican ▣ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ▣ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▣ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ▣ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **BYE BYE LOVE** (12) Three divorced dads spend a fractious weekend with their kids. Facile comedy for male baby boomers, with Matthew Modine, Paul Reiser and Randy Quaid.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▣ (0171-437 4343)

CLERKS (18). Rough-edged, funny American comedy about a day in the life of a convenience store assistant.

ED WOOD (15) Tim Burton's wonderful biography of the became man voted the world's worst film-maker. With Johnny Depp, and Martin Landau as Bela Lugosi.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** ▣ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914668) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/ Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15) Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins. Director, Edward Zwick.
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◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG) Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
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◆ **ROB ROY** (15) Lavish but lusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (0171-792 3332)

THE SEXUAL LIFE OF THE BELGIANS (18) Funny, quirky sexual odyssey. *First in an autobiographical* trilogy from Belgium's cultural anarchist, Jan Bucquoy.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12). Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia. Director, Steven E. de Souza.
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Promising debut for young writer-director Kevin Smith.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **Odeon Mezzanine** ▣ (01426 915683) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15) Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway, written and directed by Jeremy Leven.
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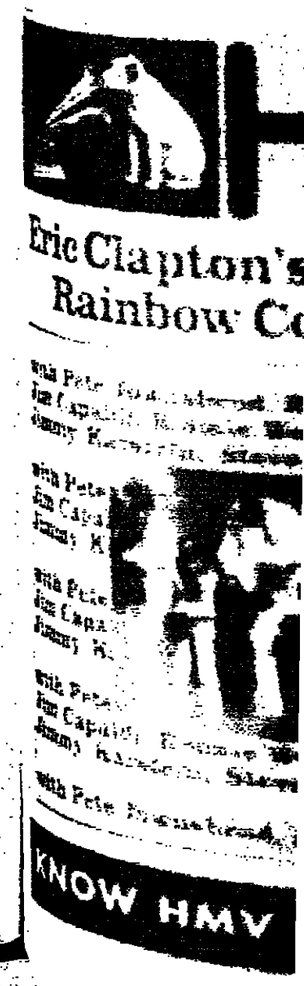
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Hypnotic grooves from a dynamic duo: the latest instalment in the trip-hop saga, from Earthling



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Old raincoat lets us down

NEW ALBUMS

ROD STEWART
A Spanner in the Works
(Warner Bros 9362-45867)
ROD STEWART'S besetting problem is the paucity of his songwriting. On *A Spanner in the Works*, he manages to earn a co-writing credit on just three of the 13 tracks: an embarrassingly sentimental tribute to the heroes of his youth called *Muddy, Sam and Otis*, and a couple of rakish rockers, *Lady Luck* and *Delicious*. He is also mistakenly credited with having written a song called *Purple Heather*, which is actually a straightforward version of the current Scottish Tourist Board theme, *Wild Mountain Thyme*, written by the McPeake Family.

So, strapped for original material as usual, he turns to whatever tunes catch his increasingly unreliable ear: a stroll through Chris Rea's *Windy Town* to get the ball rolling, followed by lukewarm run-throughs of Tom Petty's *Leave Virginia Alone* and Bob Dylan's *Sweetheart Like You*.

The result is an unsatisfactory grab-bag of songs rolled



Rod Stewart: increasingly unreliable ear

out simply for the sake of something to occupy that familiar, scruffy drawl. Only a version of Tom Waits's idiosyncratic 12-bar, *Hang On St Christopher*, rises above the general mediocrity, but it is hardly enough to compensate for the sludgy power ballads (*You're The Star, This*) and middle-of-the-road stodge (*The Downtown Lights*).

Like a dutiful party host, it is an album with a cheerfully bland veneer and absolutely nothing to say for itself.

EARTHLING
Radar
(Cooltempo 7243 8 33382)
THE latest instalment in the trip-hop saga comes courtesy of Earthling, a duo comprising programmer/producer Tim Saul from Bristol and rapper Mau from Ilford. Their debut album, *Radar*, is a collage of suitably hypnotic grooves, slowed down tapes and scratchy record samples — all freighted with Mau's intriguingly spacey raps.

It is good, especially the opening track *1st Transmission*, in which Mau compares himself to Shostakovitch, Leonard Cohen and Harvey Keitel, while declaring "I'm on my way to Babylon, by bus".

But the album lacks a vital element of surprise. What sounded revolutionary when Portishead did it last year, and still astonishing when Tricky added his tuppenceworth earlier this year, now seems just another creditable, though superfluous, stab at an increasingly familiar formula.

BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS
Natural Mystic — The Legend Lives On
(Tuff Gong/Island 524 103)
BOB MARLEY'S music is still the yardstick by which all other reggae acts are judged and, to a greater or lesser extent, found wanting, although 14 years after his death there is precious little of it that has not been heard before.

Natural Mystic is an intelligently assembled selection of previously available tracks, designed as a companion to the massive-selling *Legend* compilation, currently enjoying its 247th week in the British album chart.

Whereas *Legend* concentrated on his pop hits, *Natural Mystic* revisits some of the more politically charged numbers which run like a thread of steel through Marley's repertoire. *So Much Trouble in the World*, *Africa Unite* and *War* are songs which defined the philosophy of a musician whose significance was so much more than the sum of his hits.

It is a pleasure to hear them dusted off again, along with Marley's 1992 hit *Iron Lion Zion* and various lighter, summery tunes such as *Easy Skanking* and *Sun is Shining* which lend the package a firm, nicely balanced feel.

CARL CRAIG
Landcruising
(Blanco Y Negro/Warner Music 4509-99865)
PRODUCER and composer Carl Craig's reputation as a pioneer of the Detroit techno sound, with remixing credits including Tori Amos, Yello and the Orb, precedes him. And even if it did not, titles such as *Mind of a Machine*, *Science Fiction* and *Technology*, suggest a debut album that is not exactly rooted in ancient folk forms.

In fact, it turns out to be a sophisticated, often seductive mixture of dance and ambient music, with the filigreed atmospherics of numbers such as *A Wonderful Life* and the title track owing more to the 1970s boffin-bands Kraftwerk and Tangerine Dream than to the hectic routines of the four-on-the-floor, housequake brigade.

The nine instrumentals combine futuristic keyboard textures with pattery, electronic percussion motifs in a way both mysterious and spry.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Singing the blues for Redhead

Paul Sexton talks to the reclusive Joan Armatrading about her unusual muse



Joan Armatrading: moved by the death of Brian Redhead — "I wondered why people wait until people have gone before they tell them nice things"

Popular songwriters have drawn lyrical inspiration from a myriad of muses. Buddha, Beethoven or Beatle, seemingly no guru has gone without a nod or a namecheck. But few singer-songwriters have drawn creative inspiration from a presenter on Radio 4.

Last year, Joan Armatrading found herself moved to song by the death of *Today*'s highly respected presenter, Brian Redhead. The results are on display in *Shapes and Sizes*, one of 13 new compositions by this consummate craftswoman on her new album, *What's Inside*. Now 44 and invigorated by a new record deal with RCA, Armatrading sings: "Don't wait until it's over before you say it's all been fun . . . obituary columns are filled with love."

She was born in the West Indian heat of St Kitts and moved to England with her family when she was seven, so it might seem strange that the singer has long championed the British way of life: this is the woman who posed for the cover of 1978's *To the Limit* album with a copy of the *Beano* beside her on the couch. Radio 4, and the much-missed, mellifluous tones of Redhead in particular, are another passion, and now they have resulted in a typically ruminative Armatrading ballad.

"When he died," she says, "they had a tribute programme to him. All these politicians were saying how wonderful he was, and I just wondered why people wait until people have gone before they tell them nice things. In America, they'll have a tribute thing for James Stewart or John Wayne, Streisand or Sinatra, when they're alive. What a great idea. People knock that, but why wait until they're dead? It's nice, because that person can now die happy."

> "No matter how obscure a song is, it's somebody's favourite"

For Armatrading to admit such specific inspiration is rare. Twenty-three years into her recording career, and 19 since her signature confessional song, *Love and Affection*, charmed its way into the Top 20, she has remained a closed book to journalists. Indeed, during this rare audience, before she rushed away to record her performance for this weekend's *Later With Jools Holland*, she sat forward, with hunched shoulders. For all her pleasant conversation, the body language almost screamed, "You won't be much longer, will you?"

She insists that her reticence is not based on any particular trauma at the hands of a prying reporter. "I don't particularly need to open every paper or turn on the television and see myself," she says. "Normally I never do any television, and I could do without it, although I shouldn't be saying that."

This is the contradiction: that such a naturally reserved person should draw on intensely personal experiences for her songs, and then take them on the road and perform them with relentless zeal, as she has for two decades and as she will again on a month-long British tour starting in early September. "I want every home in the world to own an album [of mine]," she laughs. "I'm writing the songs for a lot of people to appreciate them. That's the whole point — not just that 20 people should like them, but as many as possible."

The reward comes not from press acclaim but from the response of *her* people, the truly devoted and attentive thousands who make up an Armatrading audience. "After the show, people will come up and say, 'We've travelled to see you from New York to Hammersmith' or wherever, and it makes you feel good."

She has not always known her own strength: sometimes, her careful reflections on love and loss have dramatically reshaped the lives of their listeners. One such song was the title track of 1980's *The Shouting Stage* album. "One of the people on the video I was doing recently came and told me that *The Shouting Stage* gave her the courage to leave her bloke, because they were at the shouting stage. It was just all too much, and when she heard that song, it really helped her."

What's Inside, recorded chiefly in Los Angeles with a dream team of musicians, including Darryl Jones from the Rolling Stones, Benmont Tench from the Heartbreakers, and other stellar sidemen such as Manu Katche and Tony Levin, marks the first time in five albums that Armatrading has worked with an outside producer. David Tickle produced 4 Non Blondes' highly successful debut album and, in earlier years, engineered Prince's *Around The World In A Day*, qualifications that helped him meet the specifications of the single-minded artist.

"I know what I want, and I need to know that the person I'm going to work with knows how to do what he needs to do. David was really good, he was a pleasure to work with. In the nicest possible way, it was like working with an old-fashioned producer, such as Glyn Johns or Gus Dudgeon."

If, as some writers say, songs are like children, then Armatrading now has a huge and healthy family, and when concert crowds welcome the little ones back into their playgrounds in September, some seven new toddlers will join one or two offspring that are almost out of their teens. "I like doing some of the old songs," she says. "And people like to hear them. No matter how obscure a song is, it's somebody's favourite."

● *What's Inside is available now on RCA. Joan Armatrading appears on Later with Jools Holland tomorrow at 10.45pm on BBC2.*

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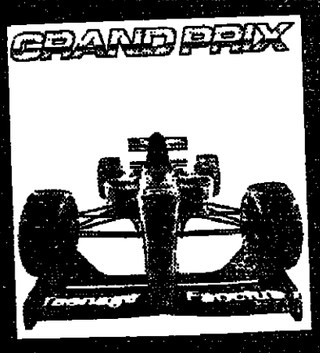
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Murder intent of secondary party

Regina v Powell
Regina v Daniel

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment May 25]

It was sufficient to found a conviction of murder for a secondary party to a killing to have realised that the primary party might kill with intent to do so or with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. The secondary party did not have to hold such intention himself.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing appeals by Anthony Glassford Powell and Antonio Eval Daniels against conviction on February 28, 1994 in the Central Criminal Court (Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London and a jury) of murder of David Andrew Edwards, who was shot on May 29, 1993, for which they were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mr Peter Feinberg, QC, for Powell, Mr Michael Wolkind for Daniels, both counsel assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Miss Joanna Korner, QC and Mr William Boyce for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was the Crown's case that the appellants, together with another man called at the deceased's home in south London.

Seconds after he had answered his doorbell, he had been shot at point blank range by one of the group and died a short while later. It was alleged to be a joint enterprise.

Powell, who gave evidence, said that the two appellants and another man "Mickey" who was not brought to justice, had arranged to go to buy some cannabis from a man known not to Powell but to the others. The appellant said he was present purely to purchase cannabis.

In *R v Hyde* ([1991] 1 QB 134) three appellants had attacked the deceased and it was impossible to determine who had struck the fatal blow. Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, who gave the judgment in *Hyde*, following principles stated in *Chan Wing-siu v The Queen* ([1985] AC 168), said (at p139):

"If B realises (without agreeing to such conduct being used) that A may kill or intentionally inflict serious injury, but nevertheless continues to participate with A in the venture, that will amount to a sufficient mental element for B to be guilty of murder if A, with the requisite intent, kills in the course of the venture."

The direction of the Recorder of London in the present case followed that formulation almost verbatim, and it had been approved and followed in subsequent cases.

Mr Feinberg contended that those cases were all wrong in that they equated foresight with intent, whereas to prove a charge of murder against the principal actor or a secondary party the prosecution had to establish an intent to kill or cause grievous bodily harm.

The strongest support for Mr Feinberg's proposition was to be found in *R v Smith (Scott Alan)* ([1988] Crim LR 616), of which a transcript of the judgment, given by Lord Justice Russell, stated that the judge did not make it plain to the jury that foresight was not of itself to be regarded as an intent, although it could properly be regarded as powerful evidence supporting the existence of the intent necessary to establish the offence with which Smith had been charged.

As a matter of principle, it had been strongly argued that there was an anomaly in requiring proof against a secondary party only of a lesser mens rea than needed to be proved against the principal who committed the actus reus. That was taken up by the Law Commission in their consultation paper entitled "Assisting and Encouraging Crime" (No 131 1993).

The paper stated (at p63): "First, it is one thing to think that a person should be guilty of murder if he engages in an unlawful enterprise and foresees that his co-adventurer may intentionally kill, but rather different to convict such a person of murder when he merely foresees that his co-adventurer may intentionally inflict serious injury.

"Second, it is anomalous that in such a case the law now requires a less blameworthy mental standard for the non-acting co-adventurer than for the person who actually commits the murderous act."

Despite those observations, their Lordships felt bound to follow and apply the *Hyde* formulation having regard to the approval it had received in a number of decisions in the Court of Appeal and to the fact that it was in accordance with *R v Maxwell* ([1978] 1 WLR 1350) in which the House of Lords had warmly approved Sir Robert Lowry who, giving the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland, had said that the situation had something in common with that of two person who agreed to rob a bank on the understanding, either express or implied from conduct, such as the carrying of a loaded gun by one person with the knowledge of the other, that violence might be resorted to.

The accomplice knew not that the principal would shoot the cashier but that he might do so: and, if the principal did shoot him, the accomplice would be guilty of murder.

If the result was an unacceptable anomaly it had now to be for the House of Lords or the legislature to say so.

The appeal failed. The court certified that a point of law of general public importance was involved in the decision but refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Accepting repudiation of contract

Vitol SA v Norelf Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment May 26]

An innocent party could not accept a repudiation of a contract merely by failing to perform his own obligations under it.

The respondent to an appeal against an arbitrator's award was not entitled in the Court of Appeal to raise uncertified issues in order to show that, even if the appellant succeeded on the certified point of law, the appeal should none the less be dismissed on other grounds.

Such issues could be raised only if the respondent was granted a certificate in the High Court and obtained leave either there or in the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Vitol SA of Geneva against the dismissal by Mr Justice Phillips (*The Times* May 20, 1993; [1994] 1 WLR 1390) of its appeal against the award by Mr Iain Milligan, QC, an arbitrator, to Norelf Ltd, Bermuda, of US$888,869.50 damages and $107,212.26 interest.

Section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1979 provides: "(7) No appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal from a decision of the High Court on an appeal under this section unless — (a) the High Court or the Court of Appeal gives leave; and (b) it is certified by the High Court that the question of law to which its decision relates either is one of general public importance or is one which for some other special reason should be considered by the Court of Appeal."

Mr Andrew Popplewell for Vitol; Mr Jeremy Cooke, QC, for Norelf.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said on February 11, 1991 the parties entered into a contract for the sale by Norelf to Vitol of a cargo of propane for delivery March 1-7 at a price of US$400 a tonne.

Loading was not completed until March 9. On March 8 Vitol sent Norelf a Telex repudiating the contract on the ground that delivery was overdue and would not be completed within the specified period.

The arbitrator held that the Telex constituted an anticipatory breach of contract on Vitol's part.

On March 11 Norelf informed Vitol by Telex that loading had been completed on March 9. There was no further communication between the parties for five months. On March 15 Norelf resold the cargo for US$170 a tonne. On August 9 Norelf claimed the difference between the contract price and the price obtained at resale.

In the arbitration, Vitol had claimed that it was entitled to reject the cargo on various grounds, including the failure to load by March 7.

All the claims had been rejected by the arbitrator and the issue was whether Norelf had been discharged from further performance of the contract.

The arbitrator had found that Norelf's failure to take any further step to perform the contract was apparent to Vitol. It was both an acceptance by Norelf of Vitol's anticipatory breach of contract and a sufficient communication of it to Vitol.

Mr Justice Phillips had decided that as a matter of law, mere failure to perform contract obligations could constitute acceptance of an anticipatory repudiation by the other party.

It was the ability of the innocent party to choose between acceptance of the repudiation and affirmation of the contract, courses attended by immediate and differing consequences, that made it necessary for the choice to be clear and unequivocal.

A choice, however resolute, which gained no acceptance outside the bosom of the chooser could not be clear and unequivocal in the sense that the law required. Silence and inaction, being in the generality of cases equally consistent with affirmation of the contract, could not constitute acceptance of a repudiation.

An innocent party's failure to perform his own contractual obligations was only one kind of silence and inaction. It might not fall quite in the generality of cases because it might be inconsistent with the affirmation of the contract.

Nevertheless, however emphatic the repudiation, it remained equivocal and any equivocality was fatal to acceptance of a repudiation: *State Trading Corporation of India Ltd v V Golodetz Ltd* ([1989] 2 Lloyd's Rep 277, 286) per Lord Justice Kerr.

His Lordship agreed with the judgment of Lord Justice Hirst dismissing the respondent's notice, under which Norelf sought to rely on its re-sale of the cargo as an acceptance of Vitol's repudiatory breach of contract. The appeal would be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said section 1 of the 1979 Act had fundamentally altered the procedure for appeals in arbitrations by drastically curtailing their scope.

The requirements were restrictive on appeal from the arbitrator but were even more so on an appeal from the High Court to the Court of Appeal: see section 1(7).

On an application for leave to appeal to the High Court against the award Order 73, rule 5(9) of the Rules of the Supreme Court stipulated that a respondent to an application for leave to appeal who desired to contend that the award should be upheld on grounds not expressed or not fully expressed in the award should lodge with the court and serve on the applicant a notice specifying the grounds for such contention.

There was no corresponding rule on appeals to the Court of Appeal.

Subject to compliance with that rule, a respondent whose argument was purely defensive could argue before the High Court that the award should not be set aside even if the appellant was right on the question of law addressed by the appellant: *The Kostas K* ([1985] 1 Lloyd's Rep 231, 237) per Mr Justice Hobhouse.

However, the position at the Court of Appeal stage was quite different and in his Lordship's judgment it would be inconsistent with section 1(7) and contrary to the whole policy of the 1979 Act if the respondent were entitled to raise in the Court of Appeal uncertified issues of law, let alone issues of mixed fact and law, in order to show that, even if the appellant succeeded on the certified point of law, the appeal should none the less be dismissed on other grounds.

If the respondent wished to raise such a point he himself should apply to the High Court for a certificate and would only be entitled to pursue the point in the Court of Appeal if he was successful in that application, and obtained leave either in the High Court or the Court of Appeal.

The only proper role for the Court of Appeal under section 1(7) was to consider and resolve issues of law of certified general public importance on which leave to appeal had been granted.

Lord Justice Kennedy agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick & Willan; Clyde & Co.

Power to remit not available

Harrogate Borough Council v Barker

Before Mr Justice Harrison

[Judgment May 19]

Justices did not have an inherent power to remit a community charge debt under regulation 42(2) of the Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations (SI 1989 No 438) once a term of imprisonment had been fixed or a warrant of commitment had been issued under regulation 41(3).

Mr Justice Harrison so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an appeal by Harrogate Borough Council by way of case stated against the decision of Harrogate Justices who on May 20, 1994, inter alia, remitted part of a community charge debt owed by the defendant, Kevin Barker, to the council and fixed a term of imprisonment postponed on condition that he pay the remainder of his debt.

The justices had considered the defendant's change of circumstance since they found him guilty on May 27, 1993 of culpable neglect in failing to pay his community charge. At that hearing they had committed him to a term of imprisonment of 28 days postponed on conditions that he pay the debt at a weekly rate.

Mr Vincent Fraser for the prosecution: the defendant and justices did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE HARRISON said that the powers of justices were limited by statute and that the only statutory power of remission open to them was that contained in regulation 42(2) of the 1989 Regulations.

That regulation expressly provided that no term of imprisonment must have been fixed or warrant issued. A term of imprisonment had been fixed by the justices on May 27, 1993 and therefore the power to remit was not available.

It followed that the power to remit could not be exercised after the powers in regulation 41(3) had been exercised and that would be so even if after the term had been postponed there was change in circumstances rendering remission appropriate.

That could not be avoided by application of section 12 of the Interpretation Act 1978 because the very specific terms of regulation 42(2) indicated a contrary intention and the power could not be exercised from time to time as it could not be exercised after regulation 41(3) powers had been exercised.

The provisions of regulation 41(3) were wide in that justices could postpone the issue of a warrant until such time as they thought fit and therefore injustice could be avoided.

Solicitors: Miss Felicity Hildred, Harrogate.

Postponement request constituted a claim

Savacentre Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Auld

[Judgment May 25]

A written application on behalf of a company to postpone payment of corporation tax under section 55 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 so that excess advance corporation tax (ACT) could be set off against liability arising in earlier accounting periods constituted a claim for the purposes of section 239(3) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

The repayment of tax a few days later by the tax inspector was made in consequence of the claim with the result that section 825(4) of the 1988 Act applied so that the company had no entitlement to repayment supplement.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the company, Savacentre Ltd, from the refusal by Mr Justice Morritt ([1993] STC 344) if its claim for repayment supplement (equivalent to interest) on a sum of £17.8 million in respect of periods going back to 1984.

Mr Peter Whiteman, QC and Miss Marion Simmons, QC, for the company; Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Launcelot Henderson, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that repayment supplement would be due to the company under section 825, unless the provisions of section 825(4) applied.

The issue was whether the repayment of £17.8 million was "in consequence of a claim by" the company under section 239(3).

The company's letter dated March 31, 1989, was in terms an application under section 55 to postpone payment.

But it was clear from it that the company was relying on its changed circumstances that gave rise to its ability to set off £28 million ACT against its liability for corporation tax in earlier accounting periods.

However, it was submitted forcefully on behalf of the company that that letter did not constitute a claim because it referred expressly to an intention to make a future claim. That suggested that either the writer of the letter had wholly misunderstood the true position and the decision in *Procter & Gamble Ltd v Tayleson* ([1990] STC 624), or that he was attempting to deceive the tax inspector.

The March 1989 letter would have been ineffective for its purpose unless it had made a claim under section 239(3) and the decision of Mr Justice Morritt that it did constitute such a claim and rejecting Mr Whiteman's submissions was correct.

Moreover, the agreement of revised figures by the tax inspector and the repayment of £17.8 million pursuant to it was in consequence of the claim made by the March 1989 letter. If there had been no letter and no claim, there would have been no agreement and no repayment. The judge was also correct in his conclusion on that issue.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Auld agreed.

Solicitors: Denton Hall; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

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No natural justice in cross-examination refusal

Errington v Wilson

Before Lord Weir

[Judgment April 28]

Where a local authority sought an order for food to be destroyed on the ground that it was unfit for human consumption, and at the hearing before the magistrate there was conflicting scientific evidence, it was a denial of natural justice for the magistrate to refuse to allow cross-examination.

Lord Weir, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, pronouncing decree of reduction of a decision of Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, a justice of the peace, to order the destruction of 44 batches of Lanarkshire Blue cheese manufactured by Mr Humphrey Errington, trading as Humphrey Errington & Co.

Section 9 of the Food Safety Act 1990 provides:

"(5) ... any person who ... might be liable to a prosecution in respect of the food shall, if he attends before the justice of the peace by whom the food falls to be dealt, be entitled to be heard and to call witnesses.

"(6) If it appears to a justice ... on the basis of such evidence as he considers appropriate in the circumstances, that any food ... fails to comply with food safety requirements, he shall ... order (a) the food to be destroyed..."

Mr Michael Jones, QC, for the petitioner; Mr Paul Cullen for Mrs Wilson; Mr Colin Sutherland, QC and Mr Peter Milligan for Clydesdale District Council.

LORD WEIR said that at the hearing before the justice, the question had been whether the cheese was unfit due to the presence of a micro-organism known as listeria monocytogenes.

Expert evidence had been led by both sides. The petitioner had been represented by senior counsel. The justice had been made aware before the hearing that he desired that the evidence be made subject to cross-examination, but had announced that any questioning of witnesses had to be put through her. The justice's decision had been reached by preferring the evidence of the local authority's experts to that of the petitioner's expert.

The petitioner argued that section 9(5) showed that it had been envisaged by Parliament that the proceedings should be dealt with in a judicial manner: see *Cowe v McDougall* (1909 JC 1): *R v Board of Visitors of Hull Prison, Ex parte St Germain (No 2)* ([1979] 1 WLR 1401).

The local authority submitted that it had been long established that a justice condemning food was acting in an administrative capacity and not judicially: *R v Cornwall Quarter Sessions, Ex parte Kerley* ([1956] 1 WLR 906). The justice was required merely to act fairly. There was no duty to allow cross-examination since that fitted ill with administrative action of a necessarily speedy kind: see *Bushell v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1981] AC 77, 97) per Lord Diplock.

However, *Kerley* had been concerned with the putrefying state of the meat of two dead cows. The court's emphasis on the need for speed was therefore understandable.

It was not clear that the same urgency was demonstrable in the present case. The fitness of the cheese was not a matter of immediate ascertainment but of scientific investigation and controversy.

Second, the ratio in *Kerley's* case was whether the justice had been acting as a court of summary jurisdiction so as to allow an appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

Third, the analysis of Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, there was to the position of a justice could not be regarded as correct viewed in the light of modern legislation.

Whether one characterised the actings of the justice as judicial or administrative, her decision had been liable to affect adversely the petitioner's rights and interests.

Accordingly, she had been under a duty to exercise her powers in accordance with natural justice: see *R v Birmingham City Justice, Ex parte Chris Foreign Foods (Wholesalers) Ltd* ([1970] 1 WLR 1428): *Ridge v Baldwin* ([1964] AC 40): *R v Commission for Racial Equality, Ex parte Hillingdon LBC* ([1982] AC 779): *Furnell v Whangarei High Schools Board* ([1973] AC 679).

That was emphatically so where the justice was obliged by statute to reach her decision on the basis of evidence. It could not be affirmed that in all circumstances a failure to allow cross-examination was necessarily unfair. Regard had to be had to the circumstances of the case and the extent to which prejudice might have resulted when cross-examination had been disallowed.

In the present case the refusal had been a denial of natural justice. The decision concerned a large batch of cheese valued, so his Lordship was informed, at about £27,000. The livelihood of the petitioner's enterprise had been said to be affected by the decision.

It had been evident that there was a conflict of opinion between experts. The justice herself had recognised that because she had resolved it by preferring the experts for the local authority.

Yet on a matter where scientists differed she had refused to give an opportunity for the evidence to be tested. Any judge with experience of attempting to evaluate the differing testimonies of experts would recognise the need for the premises upon which expert opinion was based to be thoroughly and carefully examined and for the qualifications and experience of those witnesses to be investigated. By refusing to allow cross-examination, the justice had disabled herself from reaching a fully informed conclusion.

It was a matter of speculation as to whether, if she had allowed cross-examination, she would necessarily have reached a different conclusion, but it was not necessary for the petitioner to aver that the result was bound to have been different. The prejudice to him arose from the very fact of denial of a chance to test the strength of the evidence of the opposing experts.

Law agents: Morton Fraser & Milligan, WS; Skene Edwards & Garson, WS: Bonar Mackenzie, WS.

Purchaser cannot waive condition

Manheath Ltd v H. J. Banks & Co Ltd

Before Lord Gill

[Judgment March 16]

Where a contract of sale was subject to a suspensive condition that the purchaser would intimate to the seller the grant of planning permission before a specified date, and no such permission was granted by that date, the purchaser could not waive the condition.

Lord Gill, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, granting decree of declarator de piano that a contract between Manheath Ltd, and H. J. Banks & Co Ltd, had been extinguished.

Mr James McNeill, QC and Mr Donald Rae for the pursuers: Mr Neil Brailsford for the defenders.

LORD GILL said that by missives concluded on December 12, 1988 the pursuers had contracted to sell land to the defenders.

Condition 7.1 provided that the contract would remain conditional until intimation was given by the defenders that they had received certain planning permissions in terms satisfactory to them. They had undertaken to prosecute diligently the applications for permission and to keep the pursuers informed of progress.

The contract provided that if permission was not obtained from the local authority, then the pursuers would be entitled to appeal to the secretary of state.

Condition 7.4 provided that if intimation was not made within five years, the contract would fall. On December 10, 1993 the defenders' agents had written to the pursuers to "intimate with reference to Condition 7 ... that [it] was now purified", although no permission was granted. The pursuers' case was that since timeous intimation had not been made, the contract was at an end.

The problems associated with such suspensive conditions had been considered in numerous cases. Most of those problems could have been avoided if the relevant condition had made express provision as to the purchaser's right to waive it.

The defenders' letter did not intimate receipt of permission. It merely bore to intimate that condition 7 "is now purified". Since permission had not been received, it was not a valid intimation in terms of the condition: see *Imry Property Holdings Ltd v Glasgow Young Men's Christian Association* (1979 SLT 261, 265).

The next question was whether condition 7.1 had been validly waived by the defenders. If the letter could not be construed as a valid notice in terms of condition 7.1, it could only be interpreted to mean that the defenders did not seek to take advantage of that condition to the effect of resiling from the bargain.

As a general proposition, a party could validly waive a suspensive condition only where it was conceived solely in his interest. The entitlement of the pursuers to appeal to the secretary of state disclosed an interest on their part in the obtaining of the permission on which the condition partly depended.

Moreover, where a contract itself, and not merely an offer or an acceptance, was subject to a suspensive condition, as in this case, that was an indication that both parties had an interest in the condition (*Dewar & Finlay Ltd v Blackwood* (SLT 196, 197) but it was not conclusive (*Zebmoon Ltd v Akinbrook Investment Developments Ltd* (1987 SC 252, 258).

In this case, condition 7.4 did not merely confer an option on either party to resile, but provided that the whole bargain would automatically fall. That pointed even more strongly in the pursuers' favour than the corresponding provision in *Imry*.

The parties had not contemplated that the bargain would be concluded except on the basis that the relevant permissions would be obtained: see *Gilchrist v Payton* (1979 SC 380, 383).

Condition 7 disclosed a real and substantial interest on the part of the pursuers such as to preclude the defenders' right to waive the condition.

Law agents: Murray Beith & Murray, WS, Dundas & Wilson, CS.

Only one ship can be arrested in an action

Interatlantic (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd v Okeanski Ribolov Ltd

Before Lord Cameron of Lochbroom

[Judgment April 1]

The Administration of Justice Act 1956 had incorporated into Scots law the rule in the Brussels Convention of 1952 that only one ship could be arrested on the dependence of an action.

Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, granting a motion by Bourgwells Ltd, for recall of an arrestment of the vessel Afala served by Interatlantic (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd purportedly on the dependence of an action of payment brought by them against Okeanski Ribolov Ltd.

Section 47 of the Administration of Justice Act 1956 provides, inter alia:

"(1) ... no warrant ... for the arrest of property on the dependence of an action ... shall have effect as authority for the detention of a ship ... unless either (a) the ship is the ship with which the action is concerned, or (b) all the shares in the ship are owned by the defender against whom that conclusion is directed."

Mr Stuart Nicoll for the pursuers: Mr Jonathan Lake for Bourgwells Ltd.

LORD CAMERON OF LOCHBROOM said that the defenders were domiciled in Bulgaria. Jurisdiction had been constituted by virtue of an arrestment executed by the pursuers against the defenders' vessel Aktinia at Lerwick.

Bourgwells, sought recall of an arrestment served on the Afala, which they claimed had been sold to them by the defenders.

The purpose of the 1956 Act had been to incorporate into the law of the United Kingdom the provisions of the Brussels Convention of 1952. Those porovisions had been succinctly paraphrased by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *The Banco* ([1971] 1 Ll L Rep 49, 52) where he had said: "It was agreed that one ship might be arrested, but only one. It might be either the offending ship herself or any other ship belonging to the same owner: but no more".

In *Gatoil International Inc v Arkwright-Boston Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Co* (1985 SLT 68, 71) Lord Keith of Kinkel had said that it was common knowledge that the 1956 Act, although its long title did not express it, had been passed to enable the UK to comply with the international obligations accepted by the parties to the Convention.

Bourgwells submitted that the purpose of the legislation was to restrict the right to arrest to one ship; that was properly to be deduced from the reference in section 47(1) to "a ship".

The pursuers submitted that the Act had not removed the common-law right to arrest more than one ship on the dependence of an in personam action, such as was the present (*Diligence on the Dependence and Admiralty Arrestments* Scottish Law Commission Discussion Paper No 84, paragraph 3.61).

The submissions for Bourgwells were to be preferred. There was no reason to interpret section 47(1) in any different manner from the interpretation of section 3(4) adopted in *The Banco*.

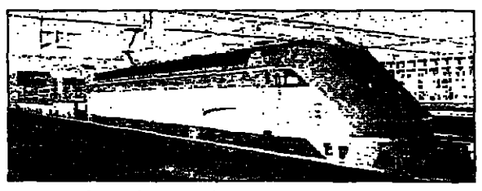
His Lordship did not consider that there was any substance in the purported distinction between an action in rem in England and an action in personam in Scotland.

There was insufficient material from which it could be positively asserted that when the arrestment had been served ownership had already passed to Bourgwells.

However, Bourgwells had demonstrated that before that date they had agreed to purchase the Afala and therefore they had title and interest to contend that the arrestment was inept.

Law agents: Paull & Williamsons, for Anderson & Goodlad, Lerwick; Maclay Murray & Spens.

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Pitch offers Essex rare chance to turn season

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four: Nottinghamshire won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 314 runs behind Nottinghamshire

ESSEX could be backed at 50-1 for the county championship yesterday morning, startling odds on the first day of June for a team that has won the title five times in 12 years. This, however, promises to be an unusually anonymous summer for them unless they are accommodated on many more pitches that turn as prematurely as this one.

So short of seam bowling that they were obliged to give the new ball, and 22 overs, to Mark Waugh, Essex were doubtless grateful to find that Ron Allsopp, in his final year as the Nottinghamshire groundsman, had given the two ends of the same pitch used for last week's one-day international a severe shave.



Robinson: centurion

Peter Such and John Childs proceeded to bowl for most of the day and share seven wickets, spinning the odd ball dramatically, but Essex are not necessarily well placed. Tim Robinson, the Nottinghamshire captain, is another man about to stand down from his duties but he added two contributions to Allsopp's initiative, winning the toss and then making a bright century. Before tea, Essex took six wickets for 37 but the last two wickets added a potentially crucial 96.

These are two counties central to the complexities involved in the move towards an English Cricket Board (ECB). Both are successful in their own way — Nottinghamshire as owners of a Test match ground and Essex proudly self-sufficient at the head of the smaller clubs. Their priorities, naturally, are different and it was for identifying a compromise route acceptable to both factions that the presentation made on Tuesday by Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, was widely thought to be a triumph.

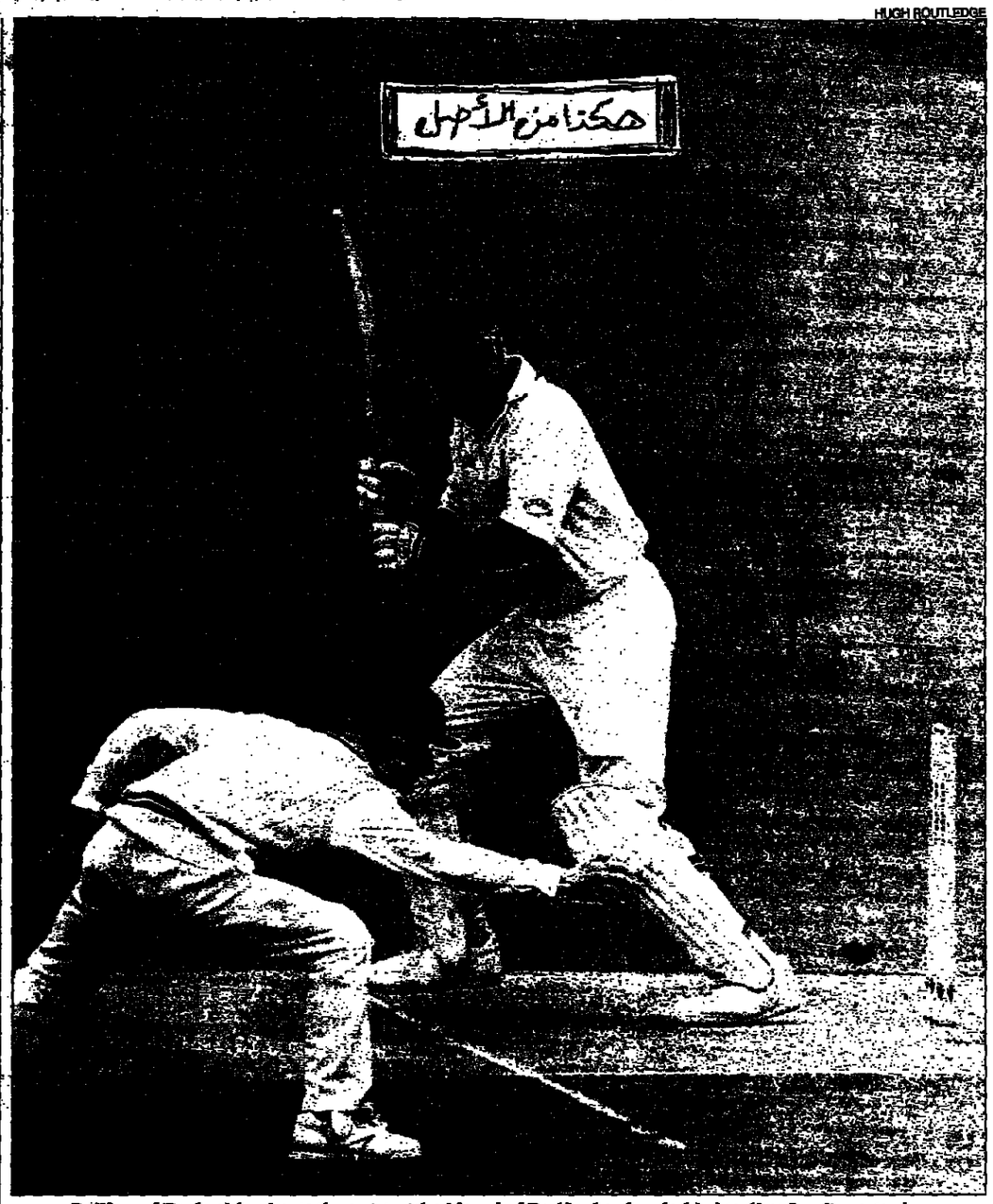
There is much to achieve yet, within a timetable involving debate and fine-tuning by the counties and another full meeting of the Board in August, but Smith remains hopeful that an ECB, responsible for cricket at all levels, could be in place by January. Whether he has subdued the claims by Nottinghamshire, and four other Test-staging grounds, that they deserve a bigger share of the annual revenue — the real thrust of their own unofficial blueprint — remains to be seen. For now, at least, a sense of unity has been restored.

Nottinghamshire finished third in last year's championship yet had the lowest gate receipts in the country. There was only a sparse crowd in yesterday, too, skimming their scorecards in vain for the season's first sighting of Chris Lewis in a championship match. His hip injury is causing genuine concern and a specialist's report, due today, may rule him out for most of what is likely to be his last summer in Nottingham.

Paul Johnson was also missing, tending his seriously ill daughter, and Essex's most prominent absentee was Mark Ilott. His groin injury left Darren Cousins, 23, as the Essex spearhead but his first five overs cost 26 runs and he did not bowl again until splitting the final pair. Robinson, away to a flier, dominated a first-wicket stand of 107 with Dowman before the spinners took a wicket each just before lunch.

Robinson reached his third century of the season, and his 54th in all, with a pull for four against Lewis, who promptly bowled him with a slower one. Unconvincing tactician he may be, but Robinson remains among the most dependable of top-order batsmen and intends to play on when he hands over the captaincy, possibly to Johnson but conceivably to Chris Cairns.

The New Zealander, now fully fit, is the sort of positive character who might just be the making of this unfulfilled side. He made a forthright 50 here yesterday before becoming one of four victims of the 43-year-old Childs. Gooch, a stripling at 41, was obliged to bat out the day's last over against the spin of Hindson — a taste of things to come.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Rollins, of Derbyshire, beats the outstretched hand of Radford as he plodded to 61 at Lord's yesterday

Wells proves the driving force

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire have made 258 for six wickets against Middlesex

COLIN WELLS has not enjoyed the best of times since he joined Derbyshire last season. As a Sussex all-rounder he belonged in the ranks of the good, verging occasionally on the very, but, to be absolutely frank, the reason he is batting as high as five in this match has more to do with Derbyshire's lack of depth than with his irresistible form.

In 11 championship matches last year he failed to pass 50. This year he has now made three successive scores of more than 50, including a hundred at Oxford University. There was a century for the taking yesterday, as he shook the game out of its morning torpor with some powerful drives. Alas, he is still waiting. On 81 he was leg-before to Fraser and Derbyshire failed to make the most of their opportunity.

It was not a particularly tolerant Fraser who took that wicket, his second of the innings. In the early afternoon, as Derbyshire were crawling along at two runs an over, he took the edge of Wells's blade. Wells was six at the time and a wicket would have exposed a long tail. Emburey, at first slip, put down an unexceptional chance and Middlesex were left with more work to do than they would have liked.

John Carr was leading them in place of Mike Gatting, who is resting an injured groin. After ending last season in a blaze of glory, averaging 88 in championship cricket, Carr can hardly scratch a run this year. His slip fielding, however, remains outstanding. There is nobody better, and only two or three are as good.

Carr's two-eyed batting stance brought titters, or at least puzzled looks, when he chose to amend it. Nobody is laughing now; it serves him well. His "stance" at second slip also differs from the accepted method. He faces mid-wicket, rather than mid-on, until his right foot shifts off-wards at the moment of delivery, turning his body round like a surfer riding a small wave. The super snaffler was at it again here, holding on to Barnett's edged drive two overs before lunch. Dessaur, making his championship debut for his new county, was the first to go, beaten all ends up by Fraser. Barnett, who is hardly a member of the Blockers' Club (hon sec: Bud Hill), had spent 38 overs over his 30 runs.

The morning session lacked colour and interest. Middlesex have had problems with both pitches so far for championship matches. The one against Hampshire was reported and the one against Lancashire might easily have been. This one held no terrors and the bowling was respectable, no more. Derbyshire simply got it in their heads that, after their recent batting disasters, they had to grind through the day.

Let nobody accuse Rollins of not fulfilling his brief. When Emburey finally beat him in the 83rd over, he had ground out 61 runs from 223 balls. He, too, must wait for that first championship century. Wells, having lit up the afternoon in a stand of 110, was unhappy to be fingered, as was DeFreitas, leg-before to Emburey as he swept. Cork and Krikken survived the taking of the new ball to see out the day.

☐ During the sixth Cornhill Test match against West Indies at the Oval, from August 24 to 28, Surrey will operate a resale scheme for tickets handed in by those leaving before the tea interval.

Rackemann makes immediate impact for Surrey

BY PAT GIBSON

WORCESTER (first day of four: Worcestershire won toss): Surrey, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 170 runs behind Worcestershire

THIS match is being played on a pitch which seems to be closer to the cathedral than it is to the pavilion. Perhaps the Worcestershire players should have headed that way, too, to seek deliverance from the threat of their worst start to a county championship season for 68 years.

A higher authority may be necessary to explain why a side which is almost unbeatable in one-day cricket — they have won seven of their eight limited-overs games — have lost their first three four-day matches. On the other hand, it may be that their batsmen, Hick and Moody included, are just not getting enough runs.

It certainly looked like that yesterday. Stroke-making was never easy on a slow seaming surface with occasional uneven bounce against bowlers of the calibre of Rackemann, making his first appearance as Surrey's overseas player, and Benjamin, but that was no reason why they should lose their last seven wickets for 66 and their final four for 10 to collapse to 204 all out.

Surrey did not fare that much better, losing Stewart and Butcher to Haynes and Lampitt respectively in the evening sunshine, but at least they could take heart from the performance of Rackemann. The big blond Australian will be 35 on Sunday but he bowled well enough in helping Queensland to win their first Sheffield Shield earlier this year to be summoned to the West Indies when McDermott was injured and it did not take him long to make his mark in county cricket.

His greatest assets are consistency of length and line and the ability to make the ball bounce from only just short of a length. His sixteenth delivery did just that and Weston played on off his thigh.

Rackemann went on to bowl Curtis, who was only half forward to a ball which kept low, although it was Benjamin, who did not have quite such a profitable experience in Australia during the winter, who cut the heart out of the Worcestershire innings.

Butcher had taken the important wicket of Hick, caught at cover, before Benjamin captured three wickets, including that of the dangerous Moody, for five runs in 12 balls. He had just picked up a fourth when he had to go off with what looked like a recurrence of hamstring trouble. Rackemann quickly completed the job for him.

De Silva seizes initiative before hailstorm

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

ARAVINDA DE SILVA, Kent's Sri Lankan batsman, had the fastest championship century of the season in his sights when a torrential hailstorm brought an early end to play in the game against Durham at Chester-le-Street yesterday.

De Silva had scored 79 from 68 balls when play was interrupted with Kent 144 for four from 35 overs, having gone in after the openers, Mark Benson and Trevor Ward, had been caught by David Ligertwood, the wicketkeeper, with the total 15.

He slashed his first ball, from Simon Brown, just wide of gully but otherwise gave the bowlers no encouragement. De Silva went to a 33-ball half-century, the fastest recorded against Durham, with a series of wristy strokes.

Only Manoj Prabhakar of Durham's regular seam bowlers was fully fit and Kent took full advantage. Despite having Matthew Walker well caught by the former Kent player, Jon Longley, off a skyed pull, Melvyn Betts conceded 43 in six overs and Alan Walker fared little better in his first championship outing of the season.

Andrew Symonds, of Gloucestershire, whose 93-ball hundred against Surrey is the quickest so far this season, was again in dashing form against Sussex at Hove. The Australian's innings of 83, which included three sixes off Ed Giddins, enabled Gloucestershire to rally fom 54 for five to reach 202.

Only Jack Russell of the other batsmen threatened permanence against the home-grown pace attack of Giddins, who took three for 79, and the left-armer, Jason Lewry, who, in only his seventh championship appearance, returned the splendid figures of six for 45.

The Gloucestershire seamers also found conditions to their liking but could not shift the county's former captain, Bill Athey, who has made 48 of Sussex's 113 for four.

The day's other six-wicket bowler, at a cost of 77 runs, was Glamorgan's West Indian, Hamesh Anthony, whose career-best return was mainly responsible for limiting Hampshire to 324 at Cardiff, where the Welsh county took maximum bowling points for the sixth time this season.

All of the Hampshire specialist batsmen got in but only John Stephenson and Mark Nicholas, who have both been in wretched form, managed to pass 50 as Anthony nagged away. Stephenson's 65 was his highest score for his new county, while Nicholas hit two sixes in his 75 before being bowled by Anthony.

Fledgeling Soweto take wing for tour

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE fledgeling Soweto Cricket Club from South Africa will begin a 15-match tour of Great Britain later this month.

Edward Cebekulu, the club chairman, and six officials will fly to London on June 29, returning on July 26, and will play matches in England, Ireland and Wales.

Until the mid-1980s, the now-defunct apartheid system ensured that the country's overwhelming black majority was exposed only to football and athletics.

In 1986, however, Ali Bacher, now managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, began holding coaching clinics in Soweto, Johannesburg's main satellite township.

More recently, South Africa first team players, international coaches and visiting cricket Test players have become involved in the coaching and enthusiasm for the game has grown to the point where the Soweto Cricket Club was formed.

Bacher said the tour had been arranged and initiated by the club itself. "This just shows how much cricket has come of age in Soweto since the first clinics were held," he said.

The team's first overseas trip will be privately sponsored by, among others, Brian Lara, the West Indies Test batsman, Strilly Oppenheimer, wife of South African industrialist, Nickey Oppenheimer, members of the South African cricket team and CSL, the television distribution company.

SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Kent

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 144 for four wickets against Durham

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Ligertwood b Prabhakar 4
*M R Benson c Ligertwood b Brown 10
M A Fatheim c Larkins b Walker 21
P A de Silva not out 79
M J Walker c Longley b Betts 6
G R Cowdrey not out 18
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 2) 6
Total (4 wkts, 35 overs) 144

M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, M J McCague, D W Headley and M M Patel to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-90, 4-103.

BOWLING: Brown 11-4-28-1, Prabhakar 11-0-34-1, Walker 7-0-37-1, Betts 6-0-43-1.

DURHAM: *M A Roseberry, J I Longley, J E Morris, D A Blenkiron, W Larkins, M Prabhakar, †D G C Ligertwood, J Boiling, A Walker, S J E Brown, M M Betts.

Bonus points: Durham 1, Kent 0.

Umpires: R A White and P Willey.

Glamorgan v Hampshire

CARDIFF (first day of four: Hampshire won toss): Glamorgan, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 312 runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry lbw b Watkin 24
R S M Morris c Hemp b Thomas 33
J P Stephenson c Metson b Anthony 65
R A Smith c Maynard b Anthony 36
*M C J Nicholas lbw b Anthony 75
G W White run out 10
†A N Aymes c Thomas b Anthony 32
S D Udal b Anthony 0
H H Streak b Anthony 20
C A Connor b Watkin 15
J N B Bovill not out 1
Extras (b 7, lb 2, nb 6) 15
Total (102.3 overs) 324

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-98, 3-164, 4-171, 5-188, 6-262, 7-282, 8-299, 9-314.

BOWLING: Watkin 19-5-44-2; Anthony 23.3-3-77-6; Thomas 16-3-61-1; Dale 6-0-28-0; Croft 24-3-80-0; Kendrick 14-3-45-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A Dale c Stephenson b Connor 5
*H Morris not out 5
†C P Metson not out 0
Extras (nb 2) 2
Total (1 wkt, 4 overs) 12

D L Hemp, M P Maynard, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, H A G Anthony, N M Kendrick, S D Thomas and S L Watkin to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-12.

BOWLING: Connor 2-1-6-1, Bovill 2-1-6-0.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4 Hampshire 3

Umpires: J H Hampshire and B Leadbeater.

Middlesex v Derbyshire

LORD'S (first day of four: Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire have scored 258 for six wickets against Middlesex

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Carr b Feltham 30
W A Dessaur b Fraser 4
A S Rollins b Emburey 61
†D J Cullinan lbw b Feltham 10
C M Wells lbw b Fraser 81
D G Cork not out 28
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Emburey 2
*†K M Krikken not out 20
L M Wilkinson not out 22
Extras (lb 8, nb 14) 22
Total (6 wkts, 114 overs) 258

P Aldred, A E Warner and D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-69, 3-89, 4-198, 5-207, 6-214.

BOWLING: Fraser 22-9-39-2; Nash 19-5-42-0; Feltham 16-4-44-2; Emburey 29-10-52-2; Tufnell 23-10-54-0; Weekes 5-0-20-0.

MIDDLESEX: T A Radford, J C Pooley, M R Ramprakash, *J D Carr, P N Weekes, †K R Brown, D J Nash, M A Feltham, J E Emburey, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell.

Bonus points: Middlesex 2 Derbyshire 2

Umpires: K E Palmer and R Palmer.

Nottinghamshire v Essex

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss): Essex, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 314 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman c Hussain b Childs 29
*R T Robinson b Irani 101
D Bereson b Such 1
C L Cairns c Hussain b Childs 50
J R Wileman c Lewis b Such 12
G F Archer b Such 13
K P Evans lbw b Childs 2
†W M Noon not out 63
J E Hindson b Childs 0
R A Pick b Waugh 29
J A Afford b Cousins 1
Extras (lb 11, nb 2) 13
Total (113 overs) 314

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-108, 3-181, 4-191, 5-208, 6-218, 7-218, 8-218, 9-278.

BOWLING: Cousins 6-1-31-1; Waugh 22-7-40-1; Irani 23-5-64-1; Such 26-5-94-3; Childs 36-10-74-4.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch not out 0
D D J Robinson not out 0
Total (no wkt, 1 over) 0

*P J Prichard, M E Waugh, N Hussain, J J B Lewis, R C Irani, †R J Rollins, P M Such, D M Cousins and J H Childs to bat.

BOWLING: Hindson 1-1-0-0.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 3 Essex 4

Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp

Somerset v Yorkshire

TAUNTON (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 269 for six wickets against Somerset

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath b Mushtaq 84
M P Vaughan c Trump b Ecclestone 48
*D Byas b Mushtaq 66
M G Bevan lbw b Mushtaq 32
C White b Trump 18
†R J Blakey b Trump 3
A P Grayson not out 6
D Gough not out 4
Extras (b 1, lb 5) 10
Total (6 wkts, 115 overs) 269

P J Hartley, R D Stemp and M A Robinson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-155, 3-235, 4-245, 5-258, 6-261.

BOWLING: Kerr 19-5-45-0; Ecclestone 16-3-53-1; Hayhurst 4-2-11-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 39-14-88-3; Trump 28-8-46-2; Batty 15-5-36-0.

SOMERSET: M N Lathwell, M E Trescothick, P D Bowler, R J Harden, *A N Hayhurst, J D Batty, S C Ecclestone, †R J Turner, Mushtaq Ahmed, J I D Kerr, H R J Trump.

Bonus points: Somerset 2 Yorkshire 2

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

Sussex v Gloucestershire

HOVE (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Sussex, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 89 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c Salisbury b Giddins 10
G D Hodgson lbw b Lewry 12
M A Lynch c Lenham b Giddins 12
R J Davison c Stephenson b Lewry 0
M W Alleyne lbw b Giddins 11
A Symonds c Giddins b Lewry 83
*†R C Russell b Salisbury 27
J Smith lbw b Lewry 7
M C J Ball c Lenham b Lewry 12
M Davies not out 11
A M Smith b Lewry 9
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 2) 8
Total (58.2 overs) 202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-35, 3-35, 4-46, 5-54, 6-135, 7-156, 8-177, 9-182.

BOWLING: Stephenson 16-4-39-0; Lewry 17.2-3-45-6; Giddins 17-2-79-3; Salisbury 8-1-33-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey not out 48
J W Hall c Lynch b Alleyne 15
N J Lenham c Russell b Alleyne 0
*A P Wells lbw b Alleyne 8
K Greenfield c and b Smith 4
†P Moores not out 26
Extras (lb 5, nb 8) 13
Total (4 wkts, 46 overs) 113

N C Phillips, F D Stephenson, I D K Salisbury, J Lewry and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-34, 3-56, 4-61.

BOWLING: Smith 14-5-32-0; Smith 15-6-42-1; Alleyne 13-9-19-3, Ball 6-2-15-0.

Bonus points: Sussex 4 Gloucestershire 2

Umpires: K J Lyons and N T Plews.

Worcestershire v Surrey

WORCESTER (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Surrey, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 170 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis b Rackemann 40
W P C Weston b Rackemann 2
G A Hick c Hollioake b Butcher 16
T M Moody c Stewart b Benjamin 40
G R Haynes c Butcher b Benjamin 32
D A Leatherdale c Kersey b Benjamin 0
†S J Rhodes lbw b Benjamin 34
S R Lampitt c Kersey b Hollioake 19
P J Newport c Thorpe b Rackemann 2
R K Illingworth not out 4
N V Radford c Thorpe b Rackemann 0
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 9) 13
Total (75.2 overs) 204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-59, 3-76, 4-138, 5-138, 6-143, 7-194, 8-200, 9-200.

BOWLING: Rackemann 18.5-5-56-4, Benjamin 19.3-7-47-4; Butcher 9-0-32-1, Pigott 17-5-36-0, Nowell 7-4-17-0, Hollioake 1-0-11-1.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out 12
*A J Stewart b Haynes 5
M A Butcher c Rhodes b Lampitt 7
A C S Pigott not out 1
Extras (lb 1, nb 2) 3
Total (2 wkts, 18 overs) 34

G P Thorpe, A D Brown, A J Hollioake, †G J Kersey, R W Nowell, J E Benjamin and C G Rackemann to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-31.

BOWLING: Newport 4-1-20-0, Haynes 8-4-6-1; Lampitt 5-2-5-1, Illingworth 3-1-2-0.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 1 Surrey 4

Umpires: G I Burgess and D R Shepherd

Youngest openers take advantage

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 269 for six wickets against Somerset

MICHAEL VAUGHAN, 20, and Anthony McGrath, an England Under-19 batsman, constitute the youngest opening partners in Yorkshire's exhaustive history. They look the part. Their stand of 115 yesterday, coupled with a half century by David Byas, gave their innings a solidity that was altogether lacking earlier this week.

What Yorkshire would have given to have played their Benson and Hedges quarter-final on this pitch. Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board's inspector of pitches, would have overseen preparations for the first Test match as a matter of course, but yesterday went earlier than expected to Headingley as a result of the fiasco that passed for a game of cricket there on Tuesday.

To reprimand Keith Boyce, the head groundsman, at a time when his wife has just died, would be reprehensible. Yorkshire, though, did once take the captaincy away from Geoffrey Boycott in the wake of the death of his mother, and it is evident that Boyce's job is far from secure.

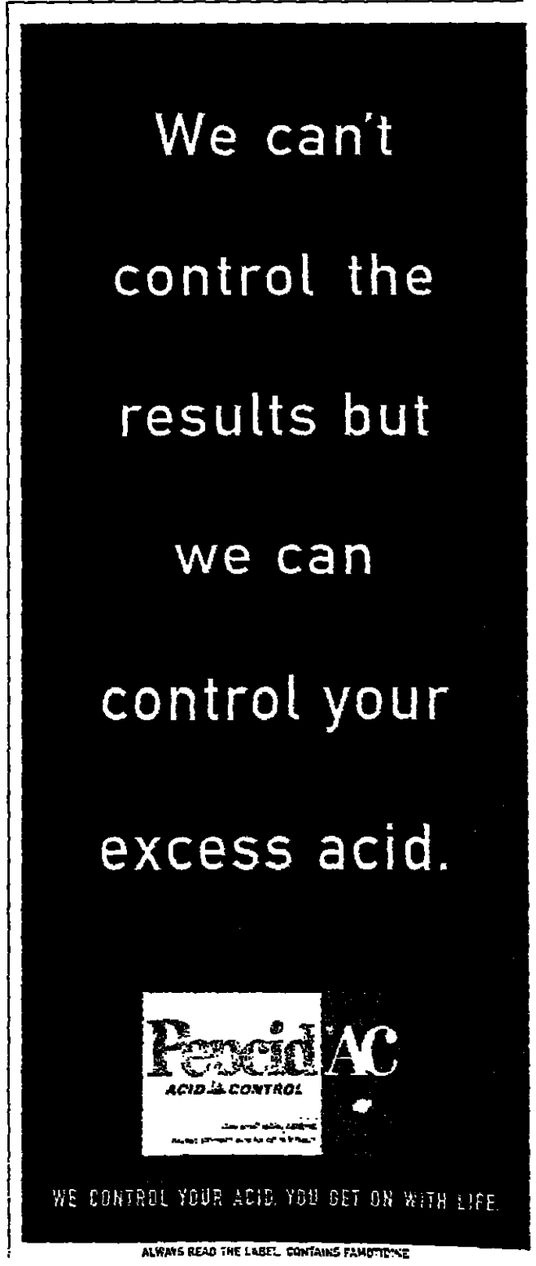
All that, though, is of little concern to those who watch their cricket at Taunton, where the mushrooming of modernism cannot spoil a measured way of life. There was no Caddick, no van Troost and no Rose yesterday, so Somerset did pretty well to restrict Yorkshire as they did. Mushtaq Ahmed had much to do with this, taking three wickets in a lengthy bowl.

This, apparently, was the first decent pitch Yorkshire have had for a championship match this season. The upshot was their highest opening stand thus far, between Vaughan and a partner who is 19 and making only his third first-class appearance. McGrath is upright and, as they say, smells the ball. Given the chance he drives, and handsomely.

The pair put on 115 in 53 overs. Most attacks they face this season will be infinitely more waspish, so this was a time to gather runs and self-confidence. It took an excellent low catch by Trump at cover point, the kind that he rarely misses, to remove Vaughan. McGrath, whose 84 came off 202 balls and included 11 fours, was eventually yorked by a quicker ball from Mushtaq that deflected off the bottom of his bat onto his left heel and into the stumps. It was an unsatisfactory dismissal but, rest assured, we shall here hear more of him.

The best batting after that came from Bevan, who used his feet delightfully to the spinners, and from the left-handed Byas, who has the reach to bisect a cover ring. Both fell to Mushtaq's googly, the Australian sweeping and Byas completely foxed by one that turned considerably. His 66 came off 146 balls and included nine fours.

Trump, too, deserved his wickets. White played on and Blakey was bowled by one that he was too late in smothering. Since Yorkshire were at various stages of their innings 115 without loss and 235 for two, Somerset would have been far from dispirited at the close of play.



Christie lags in fifth as Fredericks sets the pace

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN SAINT-DENIS, FRANCE

LINFORD CHRISTIE could not have made a more disappointing start to his season last night, when he was beaten into fifth place in a 200m at the grand prix second division meeting held here, on the outskirts of Paris.

There was little wrong with his first 100m — he led coming into the straight — but, once Frankie Fredericks had pulled away, Christie seemed to give up.

In their last meeting, in Lievin in February, Christie set an indoor world record of 20.25sec, with Fredericks just one hundredth of a second behind. Here, though, the outdoor world champion from Namibia prevailed over the 100m world champion, running a modest time yet still well clear of the field.

Fredericks recorded a time of 20.41sec and Christie 20.80, which was not even the fastest by a Briton this season.



Christie: well beaten

After leading off the bend, Christie was first passed by Fredericks, then by Patrick Stevens, of Belgium, then Vyache Dologodin, from the Ukraine, and finally by Jeff Williams, of the United States. Stevens clocked 20.57sec, Dologodin and Williams both 20.70.

Chrisite said afterwards that he had missed two weeks' training with a bruised toe on his right foot.

Catherina McKiernan has something of a reputation for finishing second and nothing changed here last night, except for the fact that this was a track race. McKiernan, from Ireland, is best known for her four successive runner-up places in the world cross-country championships, each time losing to a different champion.

The most recent occasion was at Durham, in March, when Derartu Tulu, of Ethiopia, won the title. Tulu was supposed to have been in the 5,000 metres field along with McKiernan last night but did not show.

Any disappointment that the spectators may have felt was temporary because Fernanada Ribeiro, the European 10,000 metres champion from Portugal, and McKiernan produced an entertaining race and one of the fastest on record. It was cross-country weather, with rain falling and puddles underfoot, and both women gave maximum effort.

This season, for the first time, the 5,000 metres is a championship distance for women, replacing the 3,000 metres. Twelve and a half laps, instead of 7½ laps, will be the distance at the world championships in Gothenburg in August. Ribeiro and McKiernan are warming to the new event.

The field last night included Albertina Dias, the 1993 world cross-country champion, but, soon after the halfway mark, she was off the pace and the contest was reduced to two contenders.

Ribeiro took responsibility for pushing the pace and was rewarded with 14min 55.03sec, making her the sixth fastest woman in history. She dropped McKiernan with 600 metres to go and kicked in a last lap of 67 seconds while her pursuer dug deep to record a time of 14min 59.04sec, which ranks her tenth fastest of all time.

L'humanité, the meeting sponsor, is a communist newspaper. Before he raced, Christie was asked whether he felt uncomfortable with the association, but replied merely that he hoped his presence would inspire young people from poor working-class backgrounds to better things. He, after all, had not had the best of starts in life.

The Auguste Delaune stadium, where this meeting was staged, and which holds 12,000 spectators, may be the largest in St-Denis, but not for much longer. Work began last month on the 80,000-seater stadium which will provide the venue for football's 1998 World Cup Final.

JULIAN HERBERT



Mac had a difficult ride on Diamond at Hickstead, finishing on 12 faults

Ximénez tunes up in style

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

LUIS XIMÉNEZ, the son of an orchestral conductor from Mexico City, made a stirring debut at Hickstead yesterday when he and his nine-year-old stallion, Airborne Montecillo, won The ENZA New Zealand International Stakes by 2.56sec.

While many riders were using the competition as a schooling round for the £35,000 British Grand Prix today, Ximénez — also appearing in the main event — obeyed the instructions of his American trainer, George Morris, and attacked the course in dramatic style. "I was told I must be ready to jump the most I've ever done in my life," he explained.

Although this is Ximénez's first time in Europe, he has made a name for himself in North America. With Airborne Montecillo — a son of the 1984 Olympic silver medal-winner, Abdullah — he won a team silver medal and individual bronze at the Pan American Games then added two grand prix events.

In a rewarding day for Morris, Chris Kappler, of the United States, another of his pupils, finished in second place on Zanzibar, the horse on which he was joint sixth in the Volvo World Cup in April. Robert Splaine, of Ireland, took third on Heather Blaze.

British riders had a disappointing day. Michael Whitaker, one of the favourites, had two refusals on his nine-year-old Liège Grand Prix winner, Elton, and he may be withdrawn from the Grand Prix. Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, who had hoped Whitaker would form the backbone of his team for the Nations Cup on Sunday, will decide today whether to include him.

William Funnell, on Comex, and Geoff Billington, with It's Otto, look certain to have secured places after good performances. John Whitaker, who earlier watched his daughter, Louise, and son, Robert, win classes in the junior ring, had eight faults on Everest Welham. Emma Jane Mac, the fifth member of the squad, had a difficult ride on Diamond, the horse on which she won the British Ladies' championship, finishing on 12 faults.

RESULTS: Enza New Zealand International Stakes: 1, Airborne Montecillo (L Ximenez, Mex) 73.45sec; 2, Zanzibar (C Kappler, US) 78.01; 3, Heather Blaze (R Splaine, Ire) 81.39. International Speed Stakes: 1, Omnibus (M Ward, US) 66.54sec; 2, Orient de Frebourg (P Delaveau, Fr) 66.72; 3, Poundstretcher (K Shore, GB) 66.88

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Scathebury. 2.40 Pistols At Dawn. 3.10 Shanghai Lil. 3.40 Brigadore Gold. 4.10 Reported. 4.40 Dia Georgy.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Scathebury. 4.40 DIA GEORGY (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 PEVERIL HOMES MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-0: £3,560: 6f) (10 runners)

1 005 ALBERT THE BEAR 25 J Berry 9-0 G Carter 2
2 04 BRIGANDONE 11 S Bowring 9-0 C Teague (5) 8
3 0 EBONY BOY 64 J Wharton 9-0 J Williams 4
4 FOUR WEDDINGS M Bell 9-0 G Duffield 10
5 50 MOONCUSSER 13 J Fitzgerald 9-0 M Wigham 1
6 NED AL SHEEBA W Haggas 9-0 M Hills 7
7 242 SCATHEBURY 11 S Woods 9-0 W Ryan 5
8 3 WEETMAN'S WEIGH 18 R Hollinshead 9-0 T Ives 3
9 43 CAPILANO PRINCESS 11 D Haydn Jones 8-9 Paul Eddery 9
10 63 WORLDWIDE ELSIE 56 P Kelleway 8-9 J Tate (3) 6

3-1 Scathebury, 7-2 Four Weddings, 4-1 Ned Al Sheeba, 5-1 Capilano Princess, 6-1 Worldwide Elsie, 8-1 Weetman's Weigh, 10-1 Brigandone, 12-1 others.

2.40 GROUPER CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,519: 1m 4f) (5)

1 -136 PISTOLS AT DAWN 18 (CD,F,G,S) B Meehan 5-9-12 B Doyle 5
2 000- BAROSKI 318 J L Harris 4-9-3 G Duffield 3
3 000/ COURAGE-MON-BRAVE 88J R Hoad 7-9-0 J Williams 4
4 00-0 LOVE OF THE NORTH 20 (G) R Juckes 4-9-0 S Drowne (5) 1
5 10-0 LADY TJONGER 6 (D,G) J Scargill 4-8-9 J Tate (3) 2

4-6 Pistols At Dawn, 9-4 Lady Tjonger, 5-1 Baroski, 16-1 Love Of The North, 25-1 Courage-Mon-Brave.

3.10 ANGEL HANDICAP (£3,099: 6f) (13)

1 6-02 FAIREY FIREFLY 130 (D,F) M Camacho 4-9-10 J Tate (3) 4
2 2-63 DISCO BOY 20 (B,C,S) B McMahon 5-9-8 T Ives 5
3 5-00 MEDIEVAL MISS 18 (B) G Lewis 3-9-8 Paul Eddery 8
4 0000 GREEN'S BID 6 (D,G) D Chapman 5-9-8 D R McCabe (3) 2
5 4013 THE REAL WHIZZBANG 11 (C,BF,G) P Felgate 4-8-13 G Hind 3
6 0-63 CADDY'S FIRST 9 S Mellor 3-8-11 M Wigham 11
7 5303 FARMER JOCK 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 13-8-7 C Teague (5) 9
8 0046 GREY TOPPA 21 (F,S) N Littmoden 4-8-7 B Doyle 10
9 00-0 STREET LADY 6 A Bailey 5-8-6 V Halliday (5) 12
10 5124 EFFICACY 20 (CD,G) A Jarvis 4-8-6 D Wright (3) 6
11 550- UNISON 45J C Barwell 4-8-3 N Carlisle 7
12 06-1 SHANGHAI LIL 34 (CD,G) M Fetherston-Godley 3-8-1 F Norton 1
13 0060 HO MEI SURPRISE 29 B Preece 3-7-11 N Adams 13

4-1 The Real Whizzbang, 5-1 Fairey Firefly, 11-2 Shanghai Lil, 6-1 Disco Boy, 7-1 Farmer Jock, 8-1 Efficacy, 10-1 Unison, 12-1 others.

3.40 STAR HANDICAP (£2,519: 7f) (12)

1 -040 DESIDERATA 23 (BF) B Hills 4-9-10 M Hills 8
2 0243 FLASHFEET 18 K Bishop 5-9-8 J Williams 6
3 0-03 MY GALLERY 11 (B,S) A Bailey 4-9-5 M Wigham 12
4 2036 GREY AGAIN 10 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 3-9-2 C Teague (5) 7
5 0250 LA RESIDENCE 16 (D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-2 S Sanders (3) 3
6 0664 SOBA GUEST 94 (C,F,G,S) R Juckes 6-9-1 T Ives 5
7 5300 PACIFIC SPIRIT 6 M Tate 5-9-0 D Wright (3) 11
8 00-5 BEX HILL 11 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 3-8-13 Paul Eddery 1
9 0600 ARAWA 22 (E,CD,G) D Marks 5-8-5 G Duffield 4
10 00-0 FYNE SONG 42 W Musson 3-8-1 G Hind 9
11 0533 SPEEDY SNAPS PRIDE 34 P Cundell 3-8-0 R Price 10
12 0000 BRIGADORE GOLD 18 (B,CD,G) F Lee 5-7-9 N Carlisle 2

4-1 Flashfeet, 5-1 My Gallery, 11-2 Speedy Snaps Pride, 6-1 Grey Again, 8-1 Brigadore Gold, 12-1 Soba Guest, 14-1 others.

4.10 LION SELLING STAKES
(£2,243: 1m 1f 79yd) (8)

1 6130 MEDLAND 18 (F,G) B McMath 5-9-11 V Smith 5
2 5-13 REPORTED 7 (CD,F,G,S) B Preece 6-9-11 W Ryan 4
3 525- KATY'S LAD 218 (B,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-9-6 S Sanders (3) 6
4 500- ALBEIT 35J (F) M Barraclough 5-9-1 J Williams 1
5 0-00 GAMZATTI 7 C Booth 4-9-1 M Tebbutt 2
6 4-4 MEZZORAMIO 18 K Morgan 3-8-8 Paul Eddery 3
7 06 LADY KUYNDER 51 J Scargill 3-8-3 D Wright (3) 8
8 0 TURRILL HOUSE 20 W Musson 3-8-3 D R McCabe (3) 7

7-4 Reported, 5-2 Katy's Lad, 4-1 Medland, 7-1 Mezzoramio, 16-1 Albeit, 20-1 Lady Kuynder, 25-1 others.

4.40 CLOWN HANDICAP (£3,322: 1m 100yd) (11)

1 5500 BRACKENTHWAITE 7 (C,D,G) L Lloyd-James 5-10-0 Kimberley Hart (7) 4
2 -001 AYUNLI 11 (CD,G) S Williams 4-9-10 (6ex) D Wright (3) 1
3 0602 DIA GEORGY 6 (D,F,S) R Guest 4-8-13 G Hind 8
4 0640 EQUITY'S DARLING 12 M Bell 3-8-13 G Duffield 9
5 0310 EXCLUSIVE ASSEMBLY 22 (G) A James 3-8-11 F Norton 2
6 0/4 COURSE FISHING 7 B McMahon 4-8-8 G Carter 10
7 0002 WELLSY LAD 22 (D,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-2 D R McCabe (3) 6
8 -000 STUDIO THIRTY 3 R Hollinshead 3-7-12 A Eddery (7) 11
9 40-0 MERSEYSIDE MAN 7 (V,D,F,S) J Scargill 9-7-12 C Domergue (7) 3
10 5500 MR MORIARTY 7 S Bowring 4-7-11 Claire Balding 7
11 0/0 RADIO CAROLINE 6 (G) M Tate 7-7-7 S Lanigan (7) 5

5-2 Ayunli, 7-2 Dia Georgy, 4-1 Wellsy Lad, 9-2 Equity's Darling, 6-1 Course Fishing, 10-1 Brackenthwaite, 12-1 Exclusive Assembly, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; G Lewis, 7 from 24, 29.2%; W Haggas, 5 from 18, 27.8%; R Guest, 3 from 11, 27.3%; P Felgate, 4 from 19, 21.1%; S Williams, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: T Ives, 17 winners from 82 rides, 20.7%; W Ryan, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Hills, 4 from 21, 19.0%; J Tate, 4 from 23, 17.4%; G Carter, 14 from 81, 17.3%; G Duffield, 11 from 65, 16.9%.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

2.20 Bearnaise. 2.50 Crystal Springs. 3.20 Hannah's Usher. 3.50 Palacegate Jack. 4.20 Silktail. 4.50 We're Joken.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 STAPLETON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-0 fillies: £2,882: 5f) (8 runners)

101 220 BADGER BAY 26 John Berry 8-2 J Quinn 2
102 4 BEARNAISE 25 R Hannon 8-2 K Darley 7
103 CONTRACT BRIDGE C Thornton 8-2 L Charnock 8
104 6 KATIE KOMAITE 11 J Wilson 8-2 M Fenton 1
105 34 SHAFIR 13 J Berry 8-2 J Carroll 3
106 MADAM PIGTAILS P McBride 7-12 G Bardwell 6
107 6 TOUCH OF FANTASY 38 John Berry 7-12 N Varley (5) 4
108 3 WEE TINKERBELL 11 Miss L Perratt 7-12 Dale Gibson 5

6-4 Bearnaise, 11-4 Shafir, 4-1 Wee Tinkerbell, 9-2 Badger Bay, 10-1 Katie Komaite, 12-1 Contract Bridge, 14-1 others.

2.50 CROFT SELLING STAKES
(£2,434: 1m 7f 177yd) (8)

201 /40 SUD'S BET 4J W Haigh 7-9-1 Dale Gibson 5
202 0000 JALORE 32 (D,F,S) S Coathup 6-9-1 T Williams 7
203 00-0 MAAWY 46 C Smith 5-9-1 M Fenton 1
204 66 PLAIN SAILING 436J M Meade 5-9-1 V Slattery 6
205 /52- REACH FOR GLORY 8J (F,G) W G M Turner 6-9-1 P McCabe (5) 4
206 3065 TURRIANS VISION 20 R Hollinshead 5-9-1 K Darley 3
207 550- EASY D'OR 195J (F) Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-0 J Marshall 2
208 4045 CRISTAL SPRINGS 32 B McMahon 4-8-9 E Johnson 8

5-2 Reach For Glory, 3-1 Cristal Springs, 7-2 Turrians Vision, 6-1 Easy D'Or, 5-1 Plain Sailing, Jalore, 10-1 others.

3.20 WENSLEY SPRINT HANDICAP
(3-Y-0: £4,078: 5f) (9)

301 50-3 THE HAPPY FOX 24 (D,G) B McMahon 9-7 K Darley 9
302 -221 HANNAH'S USHER 107 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 9-6 T Williams 5
303 2-26 NINETY-FIVE 13 J Fitzgerald 8-12 D Holland 7
304 5-14 BOLLIN HARRY 9 (G) M H Easterby 8-7 M Birch 4
305 3052 C-YER-SIMMIE 37 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-5 A Garth (3) 2
306 -004 LLOC 11 (D,S) John Berry 8-4 M Fenton 6
307 600- PETOVA 312 M Camacho 7-11 L Charnock 8
308 62-6 ABLE SHERIFF 37 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 7-12 G Bardwell 1
309 6000 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 25 (D,S) Miss L Perratt 7-7 Dale Gibson 3

5-2 Hannah's Usher, 4-1 The Happy Fox, 5-1 Bollin Harry, 6-1 Ninety-Five, C-Yer-Simmie, 10-1 Able Sheriff, Petova, 12-1 others.

3.50 PEN HILL CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,840: 5f) (5)

401 0-00 PALACEGATE JACK 16 (D,F,S) J Berry 4-9-12 J Carroll 4
402 6101 FANGIO 25 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 6-9-8 P McCabe (5) 5
403 604- MARJORIE'S MEMORY 230 (D,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-3 K Darley 1
404 55-0 RHYTHMIC DANCER 6 (D,F,G) J Spearing 7-8-12 J Quinn 2
405 4644 SIGAMA 9 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 9-8-10 Ruth Coulter (7) 3

6-4 Palacegate Jack, 5-2 Fangio, 5-1 Marjorie's Memory, Sigama, 7-1 Rhythmic Dancer.

4.20 MUKER RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,029: 1m 3f 214yd) (11)

501 -054 DURHAM DRAPES 12 M H Easterby 4-9-5 M Birch 10
502 05-0 ELLASTYLE 21 Miss L Siddall 4-9-5 P McCabe (5) 6
503 5/23 SONG OF YEARS 97 (BF) J Hills 4-9-5 R Hills 9
504 -262 MN AT THE TOP 122 J Norton 3-8-8 Dale Gibson 7
505 -438 MARCHANT MING 18 (B) M Jarvis 3-8-8 P Robinson 8
506 000- RIVA-DEVA 202 S Coathup 3-8-8 T Williams 1
507 02-3 ROYAL EXPRESSION 11 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8 K Darley 2
508 0253 CARNBREA BELLE 7 M Bell 3-8-3 M Fenton 3
509 0-33 HYDROFOIL 10 B Hills 3-8-3 D Holland 11
510 045 MILL THYME 18 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-3 D Denby (7) 4
511 4306 SILKTAIL 6 John Berry 3-8-3 J Quinn 5

7-2 Carnbrea Belle, 4-1 Hydrofoil, 5-1 Durham Drapes, 6-1 Song Of Years, 7-1 Royal Expression, Marchant Ming, 8-1 Mn At The Top, 10-1 others.

4.50 GRINTON HANDICAP
(3-Y-0: £3,470: 5f 212yd) (8)

601 30-6 BRASS TACKS 20 R Hannon 9-7 K Darley 5
602 042 NEVER SUCH BLISS 21 J Bethell 9-6 M Fenton 4
603 4542 STOLEN KISS 4 (V) M W Easterby 9-5 G Parkin (7) 1
604 530- SWEET WATER 287 D Cosgrove 9-0 P McCabe (5) 3
605 0101 WE'RE JOKEN 29 (CD,G,S) J Berry 8-8 J Carroll 2
606 3200 RICANA 11 W Kemp 7-13 Darren Moffatt (3) 6
607 6000 BLACK SHADOW 9 (B) P McBride 7-12 G Bardwell 7
608 -000 GILPA TRINKETS 7 D Chapman 7-10 L Charnock 8

7-4 Never Such Bliss, 5-2 Stolen Kiss, 9-2 Brass Tacks, 6-1 We're Joken, 8-1 Ricana, 10-1 Sweet Water, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 15 winners from 37 runners, 40.5%; M Bell, 6 from 23, 26.1%; M Camacho, 4 from 17, 23.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 20 from 88, 22.7%; D Nicholls, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Berry, 27 from 173, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 8 winners from 39 rides, 20.5%; K Darley, 28 from 144, 19.4%; R Hills, 5 from 27, 18.5%; J Carroll, 25 from 136, 18.4%; J Marshall, 4 from 33, 12.1%; Darren Moffatt, 5 from 50, 10.0%.

Blinkered first time

AYR: 2.00 Dahlenburg, Roadsweeper. BATH: 8.05 Theros. CATTERICK BRIDGE: 4.20 Marchant Ming. 4.50 Stolen Kiss. WOLVERHAMPTON: 3.10 Medieval Miss.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.10 (5f 213yd) 1, CYRILLIC (M Wigham, 6-4 fav); 2, Vanishing Point (Paul Eddery, 10-1); 3, Laughing Buccaneer (B Doyle, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Mrs McBadger (ur). 4 ran. 1¼l, ½l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00. DF: £4.60. CSF: £11.07. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.40 (6f 209yd) 1, ALDANEH (J Reid, 5-2); 2, Roderick Hudson (W Newnes, 8-11 fav); 3, Office Hours (T Quinn, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 66 Rising River (4th). 4 ran. Nk, 4l, 20l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.67.

3.10 (7f 214yd) 1, GREATEST (R Perham, 7-2 fav); 2, Chairmans Choice (J M Hunter, 11-2); 3, Mislemani (R Price, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Kellaire Girl, 8 Noeprob (4th), 10 Love Legend, Pirates Gold, 11 Okay Baby, 14 Oozlem, 25 Mylinka, Respectable Jones (5th), Zinbaq (6th), 33 Burnt Sienna, 40 Starsport. 14 ran. NR: Green Green Ruby. 3l, ½l, sh hd, ½l, 6l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £2.70, £3.20. DF: £10.30. Trio: £77.80. CSF: £22.79. Tricast: £137.23.

3.40 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, DUGGAN (Amanda Sanders, 33-1); 2, Presto Boy (M Fenton, 11-4 fav); 3, Mayday Kitty (A Daly, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Call Me Albi, 6 Boundless, 13-2 Ann Hill (4th), 10 Horsetrader (6th), 16 Mediator, 20 Sharp Gazelle, 40 Leilse, Ragtime Song, 50 Dnmard (5th). 12 ran. Sh hd, nk, 3l, 1½l, ¾l. P Evans at Welshpool. Tote: £28.20; £5.70, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £182.00. Trio: £215.80. CSF: £118.76. Tricast: £488.36. No bid.

4.10 (7f 214yd) 1, SHIFT AGAIN (J Reid, 13-8 fav); 2, Light Fantastic (W Ryan, 7-4); 3, Ron's Secret (P Robinson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Self Reliance (4th), 12 Nyali Beach (5th), 50 Mrs Tigger, Portland Way (6th). 7 ran. ¾l, 5l, ½l, 13l, 6l. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.90, £1.90. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.04.

4.40 (5f 213yd) 1, NIGHT ASSET (P McCabe, 7-2); 2, Another Jade (T Quinn, 7-2); 3, Tatenhus (W Carson, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Dahiyah (6th), 12 Samsolom (4th), 14 Words Of Wisdom (5th), 16 Tyrian Purple, 25 Cedar Girl. 8 ran. Nk, 3l, sh hd, 3l, 3l. J O'Donoghue at Reigate. Tote: £3.90; £2.10, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £7.80. CSF: £14.90. Tricast: £28.78.

Jackpot: £17,401.60 (0.20 winning tickets. Pool of £19,607.54 carried forward to Catterick today).

Placepot: £53.60. Quadpot: £5.70.

Carlisle

Going: good (good to firm in places).

2.20 (1m 4f) 1, DURGAMS FIRST (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Jackmanii (K Fallon, 13-2); 3, Absolute Folly (J Carroll, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 4 Alncanningtingale (5th), 5 High Flown (4th), 33 Warrgem, 50 Ladys Promise (6th). 7 ran. Nk, 4l, hd, 15l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £2.60. DF: £14.90. CSF: £13.72.

2.50 (7f 214yd) 1, VARVARKA (J Weaver, 7-2); 2, Feinte (K Darley, 5-6 fav); 3, Thatcher's Era (J Fortune, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Golden Digger (4th), 25 Gunnerdale (5th). 5 ran. NR: Don't Listen. 3l, 1½l, 4l, 15l. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: £3.60; £2.70, £1.10. DF: £2.50. CSF: £6.62.

3.20 (7f 214yd) 1, LANCASHIRE LIFE (J Carroll, 16-1); 2, Spanish Verdict (J Fortune, 9-2); 3, Chantry Bellini (J Fanning, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Harry Browne (6th), 13-2 Calder King, 15-2 Roseate Lodge (5th), 8 Pine Essence (4th), 20 Wild Prospect. 8 ran. 5l, ¾l, 2l, 1½l, 1¼l. E Alston at Longton. Tote: £10.20; £2.20, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £24.60. CSF: £81.00. Tricast: £413.52.

3.50 (6f 206yd) 1, NORTHERN SPARK (J Fanning, 8-1); 2, Kilnamartyra Girl (L Charnock, 10-1); 3, Cavers Yangous (D Holland, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav The Kings Ransom (5th), 7 Aquado (6th), 8 Noosa, 12 Cheerful Groom, Twin Creeks, 14 Obsidian Grey (4th), 20 Matsse, Suedoro, 33 Nebrangus, 50 Faynaz. 13 ran. ¾l, 1l, 2l, ½l, 2l. M Wane at Richmond. Tote: £10.90; £2.80, £3.20, £2.10. DF: £81.20. Trio: £341.40. CSF: £80.84. Tricast: £746.95.

4.20 (5f) 1, GIGGLESWICK GIRL (D Holland, 3-1 fav); 2, Petraco (N Varley, 15-2); 3, The Institute Boy (S Webster, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Miss Aragon, 11-2 Light Movement, 10 Another Nightmare, Poly Laureon (5th), Ramborette (6th), 12 Heart Broken (4th), 16 Gymcrak Tycoon, 20 Mokaite, 25 Supreme Desire, Sweet Cheap Pet. 13 ran. 1¾l, 2l, hd, 2½l, ½l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.80; £2.00, £2.80, £4.30. DF: £13.70. Trio: £45.90. CSF: £26.74.

4.50 (1m 6f 32yd) 1, HILLZAH (H Bastiman, 10-1); 2, Lord Advocate (N Varley, 8-1); 3, Persuasive (K Darley, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Cilbournel News (4th), 11-2 Arc Bright (5th), 14 Deb's Ball, Great Oration (6th), 16 Strictly Personal, 20 Plum Dennis, 25 Lightning Quest, 33 Young Steven. 11 ran. 1l, 5l, 2½l, 10l, 2l. R Bastiman at Wetherby. Tote: £11.40; £3.40, £2.30, £1.30. DF: £61.80. Trio: £52.20. CSF: £84.28. Tricast: £173.56.

Placepot: £254.30. Quadpot: £77.10 (part won. Pool of £83.36 carried forward to Catterick today).

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Great Marquess (Mr M Rimell, 1-6 fav); 2, Talent Spotter (25-1); 3, Radar Knight (16-1). 4 ran. NR: Oh So Bright. Sh hd, 25l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £1.30. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.66.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1†, Dubai Falcon (D Meredith, 100-30) 1†, Trecento (W Marston, 13-8 fav); 3, Hubert (9-1). 6 ran. Dd-ht, ¾l. R Dickin, J Mackie. Tote: Dubai Falcon, £1.50, Trecento, £1.10; Dubai Falcon, £1.80, Trecento, £1.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: Dubai Falcon, Trecento £4.14, Trecento, Dubai Falcon, £3.30.

3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Jimmy O'Dea (J Railton, 20-1); 2, Philip's Woody (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Blustery Fellow (4-1). No More Trix 3-1 jt-fav. 7 ran. 5l, 7l. T Bill. Tote: £26.10; £5.10, £2.30. DF: £38.10. CSF: £73.37.

3.30 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Jawani (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav); 2, Artic Wings (15-8); 3, Baylord Prince (15-2). 4 ran. 7l, 10l. J Scargill. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.69.

4.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, General Rusty (R Dunwoody, 8-11 fav); 2, Docs Dilemma (3-1); 3, Manor Rhyme (15-1). 5 ran. 5l, 25l. C Mann. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.17.

4.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Bironi (Mr J Jukes, 2-1 fav); 2, Tufnut George (7-1); 3, Pavi's Brother (4-1). 10 ran. NR: Pepperbox. 25l, 6l. H Lewis. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £10.40. Trio: £4.90. CSF: £15.59.

5.00 (2m flat race) 1, Nishvamitra (Mark Roberts, 5-1); 2, Midday Blues (9-2 jt-fav); 3, Seymourswift (7-1). Decisive Spice 9-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. Sh hd, 2l. C Thornton. Tote: £7.70; £3.10, £2.40, £2.50. DF: £22.60. Trio: £43.90. CSF: £28.53.

Placepot: £13.70. Quadpot: £6.40.

Wednesday's late results

Newbury

Going: good

6.30 (5f 34yd) 1, Royal Applause (W R Swinburn, 5-2); 2, Rambling Bear (14-1); 3, Belzao (4-7 fav). 5 ran. 3½l, sh hd. B Hills. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £3.30. DF: £24.60. CSF: £24.70.

7.00 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Last Laugh (Pat Eddery, 13-8); 2, Negative Equity (14-1); 3, Million Dancer (9-1). Tonka 5-4 fav. 8 ran. ¾l, 3l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £12.20. CSF: £20.55.

7.30 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Caplas (L Dettori, 9-1); 2, Fiond (4-1); 3, Wind In Her Hair (9-2). Green Green Desert 2-1 fav. 7 ran. ½l, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £10.70; £3.10, £2.70. DF: £20.10. CSF: £40.10.

8.00 (7f 64yd) 1, Shepherd Market (G Carter, 11-2); 2, Fionn De Cool (8-1); 3, Band On The Run (10-1). Desert Time 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 2½l. D Wilson. Tote: £6.60; £2.00, £3.50, £2.70. DF: £42.90. Trio: £110.40. CSF: £44.12. Tricast: £387.73.

8.30 (1m 5f 61yd) 1, Johns Act (J Reid, 14-1); 2, Dancing Sensation (4-1); 3, Bit On The Side (15-8 fav). 11 ran. 5l, 1¾l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £15.30; £3.40, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £33.50. Trio: £28.50. CSF: £64.89. Tricast: £142.05.

9.00 (6f 8yd) 1, Oggi (L Dettori, 15-2); 2, Macfarlane (10-1); 3, Robellion (12-1); 4, Winsome Wooster (9-1). Media Express 6-1 fav. 16 ran. 2l, sh hd. P Makin. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £2.00, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £31.40. Trio: £201.40. CSF: £73.90. Tricast: £813.30.

Placepot: £164.40. Quadpot: £160.90.

Ripon

Going: good

6.45 (1m) 1, Intendant (K Fallon, 9-4 fav); 2, My Handsome Prince (8-1); 3, Bushehr (6-1). 11 ran. NR: Ruby Rock. Sh hd, ¾l. J Fitzgerald. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £13.90. Trio: £28.90. CSF: £21.47.

7.15 (5f) 1, Take A Left (K Fallon, 7-1); 2, Limerick Princess (9-2); 3, Prince Of Florence (8-13 fav). 11 ran. 1l, 4l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £8.60; £1.60, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £16.40. Trio: £3.00. CSF: £40.60.

7.45 (6f) 1, The Scythian (J Fanning, 10-1); 2, Special-K (20-1); 3, Showery (6-5 fav). 15 ran. 1¾l, hd. Bob Jones. Tote: £13.30; £2.90, £4.70, £1.40. DF: £229.80. Trio: £234.90. CSF: £193.34. Tricast: £385.90.

8.15 (1m) 1, Bernard Seven (K Darley, 11-2); 2, Sandmoor Chambray (11-1); 3, Hujjab (13-8 fav). 10 ran. 5l, sh hd. S Woods. Tote: £5.70; £1.90, £4.10, £1.30. DF: £43.60. Trio: £42.60. CSF: £63.99. Tricast: £133.74.

8.45 (2m) 1, Highflying (J Tate, 11-4); 2, Moonlight Quest (7-2); 3, Uncle Doug (9-4 fav). 7 ran. 3l, 2½l. G Moore. Tote: £4.00; £2.30, £2.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £12.40.

9.15 (1m 2f) 1, Segovia (A McGlone, 5-4 fav); 2, Hakika (85-40); 3, Heath Robinson (11-2). 8 ran. Hd, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £2.20. Trio: £1.80. CSF: £4.34. Discorsi (8-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

Placepot: £7.70. Quadpot: £6.10.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Ballesteros familiar in Spain

From Señor Enrique Cabrera

Sir, It is certainly true that golf is not a matter of great national concern in Spain (report, May 23). There are few courses, and these are expensive to keep due to the much drier climatic conditions and therefore expensive to join.

However, in claiming that Severiano Ballesteros is not known to a majority of Spaniards, the author is confusing two separate issues. Golf as a sport might be inaccessible to many Spaniards in terms of their personal participation, but this does not stop them supporting and idolising Ballesteros as a fellow Spaniard.

He is probably one of the most famous sportsmen in Spain. Whenever people thought of a major sporting figure at international level, until the arrival of the cyclist, Miguel Induráin, Ballesteros would have been at the forefront of their minds. If golf is nowadays a sport followed by millions in Spain, this is mainly due to the efforts of Ballesteros. If he were to walk unrecognised through the streets of a small town in Sierra Nevada, so would Nayim (footballer) and probably Induráin, Butragueño (footballer) and Bruguera (tennis player).

Ballesteros is often portayed in magazines with wide appeal, due to his status as one of the "beautiful people", and being married to the daughter of a famous banker. It is likely that he would not be unfamiliar to any reader of the ¡Hola! magazine. This is equivalent to half of the country's households, including all of those people frequenting the hairdressing salons or doctor's waiting-rooms of the nation.

Yours faithfully,
ENRIQUE CABRERA,
47 St Mary's College,
Fenham Hall Drive,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Britain's failure

From Mr T. D. O'Leary

Sir, The fact that Britain was not even represented among the challengers in the preliminary elimination contest for the recently concluded America's Cup was extraordinary.

Do not the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron or of the countless other sailing clubs throughout Britain feel their need to redeem our one-time claim to rank among the leaders in this sport by engaging in the next challenge? The excuse surely cannot be lack of numbers or of money to find a British challenge. Will the sailing establishment face this challenge now and endeavour to regain the cup from our New Zealand cousins? If not, why not?

Yours faithfully,
T. D. O'LEARY,
The Old Rectory,
Petworth, West Sussex.

Fitting memorial

From Mr John Liverman

Sir, One hundred years ago, W. G. Grace, then in his 47th year, became the first batsman in the history of cricket to reach 1,000 runs in May.

In 1998 will fall the 150th anniversary of the great cricketer's birth. In his time he was perhaps the most popular and widely recognised man in Britain. He is commemorated only by the Grace Gates at Lord's. The burly doctor, padded up and bat in hand, would make a magnificent study for a sculptor and a welcome addition to the rather dull statuary of our cities.

I hope there is time to gain support for a W. G. Grace statue and to organise the financing, commissioning and choice of site.

Yours truly,
JOHN LIVERMAN,
24 Graces Mews, SE5.

Forerunner to Lottery

From the Chairman of the Foundation for Sport and the Arts

Sir, Tony Dawe's excellent article "Batting for Village Pride" (Sport for All, May 29) praises the National Lottery for its support of village cricket, which that apparently bottomless pit of cash is just beginning to give.

However, the Lottery's contributions to this vital aspect of British sporting and country life are to date minuscule compared to those given by the Foundation For Sport and the Arts (FSA) in the five years of its existence.

In its fourth year alone (1994-95) it made 296 grants to cricket totalling £3.24 million and has already awarded a further £500,000 to cricket in its fifth year just started. The grants range from £150,000 to several county clubs down to £200 for equipment for modest village teams. The vast majority of grants are in the £3,000 to £10,000 range. Trustees have witnessed at first hand many of the benefits accruing to amateur cricket.

Many seem to be convinced at the moment that money given to any sporting or artistic venture is Lottery money. Only this week the FSA's donation of £2 million to Ealing Studios has been wrongly attributed to the Lottery.

I wish this new public benefactor every success, but we are five years ahead in efficiency and experience of distribution.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RICE,
Chairman,
Foundation for Sport and the Arts,
PO Box 20, Liverpool 13.

Pembroke won by hard work

From the President of Oxford University Boat Club

Sir, Your report (May 29) on Oxford University Summer Eights implies that Pembroke packed its boat with elite rowers and entered the competition unfairly. This is incorrect.

The dispute centered on one oarsman, Joe Michels, a junior dean at Pembroke for the past two years and currently a research fellow in condensed matter physics.

The question was solely whether Michels was a junior member of the university (automatically eligible for Eights) or a senior member (eligible for Eights with permission from a captains' meeting).

The university's published regulations clearly show that someone in Michels's situation is a junior member. The rules committee voted unanimously that this was the case and that he was eligible to row without further discussion. Oriel's threatened use of former members did not materialise because they were not current members of the university and therefore ineligible.

Far from being stuffed full of "elite performers", the Pembroke eight contained four freshmen, three of whom had never rowed before coming up to Oxford. Gutsy rowing and a year-long commitment to training bumped Oriel in 30 strokes and easily held them off over two days, not some devious ploy.

It is that sort of spirit that is revitalising Oxford rowing at all levels, from the Blue boat down through to the colleges.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMIAH McLANAHAN,
President, OUBC,
OUBC Boathouse,
Riverside,
Oxford.

From Mr Tim Waters

Sir, Pembroke were greatly helped by the willingness of our two Blues to row in the crew, a refreshing contrast to the all too familiar egotism of many university level oarsmen/women.

Unfortunately, speed on the Isis is a rare commodity and crews possessing it are often the target of malicious gossip or denigrating comment.

Yours etc.,
TIM WATERS
(Coach, Pembroke College Boat Club),
76 Sunningwell Road,
Oxford.

A canny variant

From Mr Arthur Appleton

Sir, The word canny in the North East usually means: not bad. The meaning shrewd and crafty, which Pat Gibson, in his report on Durham v Warwickshire (May 23), gives, is a Scottish variant.

If a Durham supporter admitted that Dermot Reeve had a canny match, he'd mean he hadn't had a bad one, in fact a pretty good one. If it included shrewdness and craftiness, that would have been incidental.

The inflexions are many. "How are you?" "Canny" (not wonderfully well, but not bad).

"He's a canny lad" means he's likeable. "He's only canny today", a bit disappointing, he's not too well.

The inflexions can include shrewdness. "He's a canny crack," he can spin a tale which could take you in.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR APPLETON,
34 Church Avenue,
Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

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Lively ground and Epsom's cambers point Savill towards France

Celtic Swing tackles Chantilly option

Julian Muscat believes avoiding the Derby reveals a telling flaw in an aspiring champion

HIS owner spoke of the horror, the heartbreak of passing up the only chance he will ever have of winning the Derby, but Celtic Swing, the near-black colt, is not to be the white knight of British racing after all. Peter Savill yesterday withdrew his colt from contention at Epsom in favour of the French equivalent at Chantilly on Sunday.

A combination of fastish ground and the unique campers of Epsom have been deemed unsuitable. Instead, Savill paid Fr250,000 (about £32,000) yesterday to supplement Celtic Swing for the Prix du Jockey-Club, where he will avoid a rematch with his Madagans 2,000 Guineas conqueror, Pennekamp.

Savill has gone to remarkable extremes in researching the Epsom prospects of his pride and joy. Lady Herries and Kevin Darley, the horse's trainer and jockey respectively, were both unaware of the verdict until 7.30 yesterday morning. Only then did Savill divert Celtic Swing from the Vodafone Derby, which had been his stated target for more than six months.

What almost certainly swayed Savill was his reconnaissance mission to Epsom racecourse on Tuesday afternoon. His reservations about the ground were not assuaged despite his succumbing to the atmosphere on the Downs. "I felt a great sense of history," he related. "So many great horses have been round the course. But we had to balance that against the nature of the track.

"It was the first time I have walked the course and I was amazed," he continued. "There is no race in the world I would rather win but the decision was made in the best interests of Celtic Swing."

Savill's reservations stem from Celtic Swing's crooked front legs, which do not evenly absorb the impact of his hooves hitting the ground. His knees are particularly vulnerable to jarring. And fast ground, allied to the twists and cambers of Epsom racecourse, represent conditions most likely to damage those fragile forelegs.



Celtic Swing, nosebband, misses a rematch with Pennekamp to run in the French Derby. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Savill said: "Horses with bad front legs undoubtedly feel more concussion on firm ground. There is no question in my mind Celtic Swing was beaten in the 2,000 Guineas because the ground was fast. He is not at ease on it, particularly going downhill."

Savill's reasoning is hard to refute, although the shape of Celtic Swing's limbs will have hardly altered, if at all, since he was old enough to race. But that narrow defeat in the 2,000 Guineas has prompted Savill to re-evaluate his priorities. He agreed that victory at Newmarket — Celtic Swing failed by no more than inches — would have seen the colt line up in the Derby, the second leg of the treasured Triple Crown.

Savill is now focusing more sharply on Celtic Swing's financial value. As he put it: "We are talking about a valuable asset here. If we mess him up physically or mentally, then we have nothing left. Some people think the uniqueness of Epsom is what makes the Derby, others think it is the ruination of the race."

However, what Savill has underestimated is that the Derby's reputation as the world's premier race has been forged over more than two centuries. The classic has been dented by Celtic Swing's absence but it will comfortably survive it. Not for nothing has it proved the bedrock on which successive generations of thoroughbreds are judged.

Indeed, by his decision to miss the Blue Riband, Savill has tacitly conceded that his horse is flawed. In his opinion, Celtic Swing lacks the constitution to be risked. That was certainly not true of Sea-Bird, Nijinsky, Mill Reef and many more besides. Whatever his subsequent achievements, Celtic Swing cannot now achieve their exalted status as legends of the turf.

Ironically, the ground at Chantilly is quickly drying up. An absence of rain before Sunday would most likely promote the good to firm surface Savill was so keen to avoid at Epsom, where the executive aims to produce good ground by watering the track. A switch back to Epsom is not out of the question but in Chantilly's favour is the lack of undulations on the racing surface.

Celtic Swing's absence from the Derby is bitterly disappointing, particularly in view of the public's clamour for a return match with Pennekamp. "It is a bit like a great boxing match," Savill ventured. "You can't wait for the rematch, but who cares if the two boxers go out and beat others in the meantime?"

Savill's analogy with boxing may prove highly appropriate, for the best heavyweights are never matched with each other in the modern age. It would be no surprise were Pennekamp and Celtic Swing never to lock horns again.

☐ The Prix du Jockey-Club will be shown live from Chantilly in the *Sunday Grandstand* programme on BBC2. The build-up to the race begins at 2.55 with the start scheduled for 3.15. The coverage forms part of the BBC's three-year contract, signed earlier this year, with GIE-Galop, the administrative body of French racing.

CHANTILLY DETAILS

There were 13 entries for the Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly on Sunday at yesterday's declaration stage.

Rifapour (trained by A de Royer Dupre), *Affidavit* (A Fabre), *Flemensfirth* (J Gosden), *Winged Love* (A Fabre), *Classic Cliche* (S Bin Suroor), *Diamond Mix* (A Fabre), *Walk On Mix* (A Fabre), *Commoner* (R Hannon), *Celtic Swing* (Lady Herries), *Presenting* (J Gosden), *Indian Light* (J Dunlop), *Fifty Four* (Criquette Head), *Poliglote* (Criquette Head).

Ladbrokes betting: 4-5 Celtic Swing, 11-2 Diamond Mix, 6-1 Rifapour, 8-1 Classic Cliche, 10-1 Flemensfirth, Walk On Mix, 12-1 Poliglote, 20-1 Affidavit, Indian Light, 25-1 Presenting, 40-1 Winged Love, 100-1 Commoner, 200-1 Fifty Four.

Spectrum confirms his place in Epsom line-up



Fabre: hopeful

SPECTRUM, the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, sealed his place in the field for the Vodafone Derby tomorrow with a smooth workout over 11 furlongs at Manton yesterday.

Peter Chapple-Hyam, Spectrum's trainer, was delighted with the colt, who now bids to win his owner, Lord Weinstock, his second Derby after the victory of Troy in 1979. News of the gallop prompted Corals to cut Spectrum's big-race odds to 3-1 from a point longer. John Reid will be aboard at Epsom.

Unbeaten in three starts, Spectrum's stamina has to be taken on trust. His sire, Rainbow Quest, has few peers in getting stock laden with stamina. But Spectrum hails from a fast dam who has yet to breed a winner beyond a mile. Like Pennekamp, Spectrum's most potent feature is his striking acceleration. Whether either colt can conserve their speed over 12 furlongs is central to the outcome of this year's Blue Riband.

The Derby preparation of Pennekamp has given his connections a similarly warm feeling. Trained by André Fabre, Pennekamp pleased over seven furlongs earlier in the week and is to conclude his programme of fast work on Monday. "Fabre is extremely happy with the horse's condition," said Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Pennekamp's owner, Sheikh Mohammed.

But Stroud warned that Pennekamp's French jockey, Thierry Jarnet, faced a tough assignment at Epsom. "Pennekamp is a difficult horse to ride. He pulls up when he hits the front. If he doesn't have a good position coming down Tattenham Corner he could have serious traffic problems."

Other Derby developments yesterday concerned Presenting, trained by John Gosden. The son of Mtoto appeared bogged down when third in the Dante Stakes at York and requires a fast surface to be seen at his best. "The ground is drying up at Chantilly [home of the French Derby] but Presenting will probably run at Epsom," Gosden suggested. "If the ground comes up right, whatever goes past him at Epsom will know about it."

Tamure, another from the Gosden stable, is the mount of Lanfranco Dettori. "Tamure was injured last year and could not run," the trainer said. "You'd be concerned about his lack of experience but otherwise he is in good form at home. This looks a tricky Derby but if Pennekamp can sit close enough he could blow them away like Sir Ivor did to Connaught."

Salmon Ladder, who disappointed in the Dante Stakes, has put that effort behind him on the evidence of his latest homework. Paul Cole, who trains Salmon Ladder, has been suitably encouraged to let Salmon Ladder take his Derby chance. Diamond Mix, from the same stable as Pennekamp, is now a doubtful runner. He is more likely to run in the Prix du Jockey-Club on Sunday.

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2.00 EAU DE COLOGNE (nap)
2.30 Kalou
3.00 Mr Rough
3.30 Wurlitzer
4.00 Persian Secret
4.30 Barato

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Mr Rough.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. 4 ll jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 CROSSHILL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,931: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

1	(5)	030	DAHLENBURG 14 (V) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	88
2	(1)	20-3022	DANCE KING 14 (T Connors) D Nicholls 9-0	Alex Greaves	93
3	(3)	0-55	EAU DE COLOGNE 12 (G Reed) C Thomson 9-0	Dean McKeown	92
4	(4)	0460	ROADSWEEPER 9 (V) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0	J Weaver	–
5	(2)	6020	ISLAND CASCADE 4 (D Incisa) Don Enrico Incisa 8-9	Kim Tinkler	80

BETTING: 5-4 Dahlenburg, 9-4 Dance King, Eau De Cologne, 16-1 Roadsweeper, Island Cascade.

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FORM FOCUS

DAHLENBURG 12l 3rd of 10 to Dieghlef in maiden at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DANCE KING 3l 2nd of 8 to Shaama in a maiden at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). EAU DE COLOGNE 9¼l 5th of 10 to Elfa Andersky in a maiden at Ripon (1m 1f, good). ROADSWEEPER 17¼l 6th of 12 to Peter Moriarty in a claimer at Warwick (1m 4f 115yd, good) on penultimate start. ISLAND CASCADE 4l 2nd of 13 to Bulbasi in claiming maiden over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start.

Selection: DANCE KING (nap).

2.30 TORRANYARD HANDICAP (£4,163: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

1	(1)	24-5202	KALOU 12 (V) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 4-9-10	L Dettori	97
2	(4)	0-03341	IMPERIAL BID 11 (D,F,S) (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 7-9-9 (Sex)	J Fortune	93
3	(2)	502322	MENTALASANYTHIN 13 (C,S,S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 6-9-8	A Mackay	95
4	(3)	00005-1	STRAW THATCH 7 (D,C,S) (D McKenzie) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-2 (Sex)	K Fallon	95
5	(5)	050636	GUARDS BRIGADE 13 (B) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 4-8-7	N Kennedy	89
6	(6)	000/00-1	KEEP BATTLING 15J (C,F) (J Goldie) J Goldie 5-8-3	A McGlone	96

BETTING: 11-4 Straw Thatch, 7-2 Kalou, Mentalasanythin, 4-1 Imperial Bid, Keep Battling, 10-1 Guards Brigade, 12-1 others

1994: HOME COUNTIES 5-9-2 Darren Moffatt (20-1) D Moffatt 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KALOU 3l 2nd of 12 to Mulder in handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good). IMPERIAL BID beat Lalvian 1¼l in an 11-runner handicap at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to firm). MENTALASANYTHIN 1½l 2nd of 11 to Noyan in a handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f, good to firm), with GUARDS BRIGADE (4lb better off) 7½l 6th. STRAW THATCH beat Lizm Ford 1½l in a 12-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). KEEP BATTLING beat Drummer Hicks 1¼l in an 11-runner handicap here (1m 3f, good to firm) with IMPERIAL BID neck and ½l 4th.

Selection: KEEP BATTLING

3.00 KILMACOLM HANDICAP (£3,087: 1m) (10 runners)

1	(4)	6130-13	MR ROUGH 22 (D,F) (Robin Akehurst) D Morris 4-9-11	J Weaver	95
2	(2)	0-03310	KING CURAN 13 (B,D,F,S,S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 4-9-9	A Mackay	98
3	(9)	0-20020	MY HANDY MAN 9 (J Stephenson) R Allan 4-9-5	J Fortune	89
4	(1)	062005	SHARP N' SMOOTH 11 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs E Mitchell) W Kemp 8-8-13	L Dettori	95
5	(3)	56-0426	MURPHY'S GOLD 12 (CD,F) (D Read) R Fahey 4-8-13	A Culhane	93
6	(8)	50-0440	NOBBY BARNES 8 (D,F,G) (D Incisa) Don Enrico Incisa 6-8-9	Kim Tinkler	94
7	(6)	2/4000-0	NOBLE SPIRIT 22 (V) (Mrs C Wheatley) Mrs A Naughton 4-8-9	A Mercer	–
8	(10)	5551-000	STRATHTORE DREAM 29 (L Perratt) Miss L Perratt 4-8-9	N Connorton	82
9	(5)	4255/-00	RUNRIG 23 (D Callaghan) Miss L Perratt 5-8-3	J Fanning	84
10	(7)	054-036	MISS PIGALLE 3 (B) (Noble Bar Syndi) Miss L Perratt 4-7-13	N Kennedy	95

BETTING: 3-1 Mr Rough, 4-1 King Curan, 6-1 My Handy Man, Murphy's Gold, 7-1 Nobby Barnes. Miss Pigalle, 10-1 others.

1994: HARPOON LOUIE 4-9-6 K Darley (6-1) M H Easterby 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR ROUGH beat Pistol 1¾l in a 15-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. KING CURAN beat Alfaweb 1½l in an 11-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, with MR ROUGH (3lb better off) short-head 3rd and NOBBY BARNES (4lb better off) 1¾l 4th. MY HANDY MAN 2l 2nd of 11 to Nigel's Lad in handicap at Hamilton (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with KING CURAN (2lb worse off) ½l 3rd. SHARP'N SMOOTH about 8l 5th of 9 to Mary's Case in seller at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). MURPHY'S GOLD 1¾l 2nd of 15 to Chantry Belina in apprentice handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. MISS PIGALLE 4¾l 3rd of 14 to Royal Comedian in amateurs' handicap here (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. NOBLE SPIRIT 4½l 3rd to Royal Comedian in amateurs' handicap here (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with RUNRIG 4¾l 8th.

Selection: MR ROUGH

3.30 CAIRNRYAN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,648: 1m 5f 13yd) (7 runners)

1	(6)	04	GREAT EXPECTATIONS 9 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-10	A McGlone	82
2	(5)	05	OUR MAN MAN 7 (C Cooke) R Whitaker 5-9-10	A Culhane	92
3	(2)	3	HIGH PYRENEES 8 (J Stephenson) R Allan 3-8-7	J Weaver	93
4	(3)	02356-4	JUNIOR BEN 38 (B Allen) J Berry 3-8-7	J Fortune	94
5	(7)	65	WURLITZER 13 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-7	L Dettori	88
6	(4)	544	PHILMIST 13 (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 3-8-2	N Kennedy	93
7	(1)	26	TRUE BIRD 16 (T Lack) J Berrell 3-8-2	N Connorton	97

BETTING: 7-4 Wurlitzer, 3-1 High Pyrenees, 4-1 Junior Ben, 8-1 Our Man Man, True Bird, 10-1 Great Expectations, 12-1 Philmist.

1994: ROUNDRY LANE 3-8-5 K Darley (4-11 fav) Mrs M Reveley 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS 9¼l 4th of 6 to Tykeyvor in conditions race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good). OUR MAN MAN about 4¼l 5th of 13 to Rather-A in claimer at Pontefract (1m, good). HIGH PYRENEES 7½l 3rd of 10 to Jangari in maiden at Newcastle (1m 2f, good). JUNIOR BEN 3¼l 4th of 10 to Worldviews Extra in a maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). WURLITZER about 7½l 5th of 11 to Mountains Of Mist in a maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). PHILMIST 9l 4th of 5 to Endeavouring in a maiden at Hamilton (1m 4f, good to firm). TRUE BIRD neck 2nd of 8 to Bonanza in a maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start.

Selection: WURLITZER

4.00 FENWICK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,996: 6f) (7 runners)

1	(5)		GLOBE RUNNER (Globe Engineering) J O'Neill 9-0	K Fallon	–
2	(7)	0062	ORIOLE 22 (D Incisa) N Tinkler 9-0	Kim Tinkler	93
3	(4)	02444	RAMSEY HOPE 23 (C Barber-Lomax) C Fairhurst 9-0	N Kennedy	89
4	(3)	03	SILVERDALE KNIGHT 31 (Exors of late P Wade) N Hogg 9-0	J Weaver	95
5	(1)		PERSIAN SECRET (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-9	L Dettori	–
6	(2)	24	SILENT SOPRANO 11 (J Blair) Denys Smith 8-9	J Fortune	82
7	(6)	0	SUNDAY MAELSTROM 29 (Scottish Daily Record) J Berry 8-8	S D Williams	–

BETTING: 5-2 Persian Secret, 7-2 Silverdale Knight, 4-1 Ramsey Hope, 9-2 Oriole, 6-1 Silent Soprano, 10-1 Sunday Maelstrom, 12-1 Globe Runner

1994: RIVER GARNOCK 9-0 J Carroll (3-1) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLOBE RUNNER (foaled Mar 14, cost 400gns). Third foal, by Adbass; dam unplaced. ORIOLE 4l 2nd of 5 to Gothenberg in an auction maiden at Hamilton (5f, good to firm) RAMSEY HOPE about 1¾l 4th of 5 to Rezaccar in a conditions race here (5f, good to firm). SILVERDALE KNIGHT 3l 3rd of 7 to Danieston in an auction maiden at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). PERSIAN SECRET (Mar 5) First foal by Persian Heights; dam useful winner over 7f at three years, who stayed 1m 2f. SILENT SOPRANO about 29¾l 4th of 9 to Happy Tycoon in an auction maiden at Edinburgh (5f, good to firm). SUNDAY MAELSTROM (Apr 8, 6,000gns). Half-sister by Dominion Month to three winners including Bronze Coast, winner of seven races (8-1m, and Western Falls, listed race winner in Scandinavia, dam of little account.

Selection: RAMSEY HOPE

4.30 BALLANTRAE HANDICAP (£3,745: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(3)	2056-40	GARNOCK VALLEY 56 (D,F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 5-9-10	Dean McKeown	97
2	(4)	40003-0	LEPINE 12 (D,F,S) (Lord Scarsdale) J Watts 4-9-10	L Dettori	92
3	(5)	1634-00	BOURSIN 14 (D,F,S) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 6-9-8	N Connorton	93
4	(8)	00-3430	NED'S BONANZA 12 (D,F,S) (N Jones) M Dods 6-9-4	J Weaver	96
5	(7)	000-020	BARATO 8 (D,F,G) (D Young) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-4	A Culhane	95
6	(6)	3412-32	FLASHY'S SON 9 (D,F,S) (K Lee) G Moore 7-9-3	J Stack (5)	89
7	(9)	40000-0	PULLUM 13 (F,G) (W Kelly) Mrs A Naughton 7-8-9	J Fortune	97
8	(2)	500-050	TUTU SIXTYSIX 14 (F,G) (D Loder) Don Enrico Incisa 4-8-9	Kim Tinkler	91
9	(1)	5-00010	DIET 13 (V,CD,F,S,S) (Mrs M Clydesdale) Miss L Perratt 9-7-12	J Fanning	96
10	(10)	60-0930	CAFE SOLO 9 (CD,S) (J Wade) N Byrcott 4-7-7	N Kennedy	98

BETTING: 5-2 Flashy's Son, 3-1 Ned's Bonanza, 5-1 Barato, 6-1 Garnock Valley, 10-1 Boursin, Lepine, 12-1 others.

1994: ASHBORE 4-10-0 J Weaver (7-2) M Johnston 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GARNOCK VALLEY 4¾l 4th of 23 to Sharp Prospect in a handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. NED'S BONANZA 6l 12th of 14 to Broadstairs Beauty in a handicap at Ripon (5f, good) with LEPINE (1lb better off) 2l 13th. BARATO 1l 2nd of 13 to Dormello in a handicap at Haydock (6f, good) on penultimate start. FLASHY'S SON 1¼l 2nd of 11 to So Intrepid in a seller at Newcastle (5f, good). TUTU SIXTYSIX about 4½l 5th of 10 to Rich Glow in a handicap here (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with DIET (7lb worse off) about 2¼l 8th. DIET beat Tee Tee Too 1¾l in a 14-runner amateurs' handicap at Hamilton (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CAFE SOLO 5l 3rd of 5 to Zilla in a handicap at Redcar (7f, firm).

Selection: GARNOCK VALLEY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Ramsden	13	55	23.6	J Stack	3	15	20.0
J Gosden	6	29	20.7	S D Williams	4	23	17.4
A Bailey	11	80	13.8	J Weaver	12	81	14.8
J Berry	24	189	12.7	J Fortune	10	75	13.3
N Byrcott	4	39	10.3	Dean McKeown	9	68	13.2
Only qualifiers				L Dettori	3	23	13.0

Millyant wins French sprint

RAE GUEST, the Newmarket trainer, gained his most important success yesterday when Millyant held off Diffident, the hot favourite, to win the group two Prix du Gros-Chene at Chantilly by a nose.

Millyant, ridden by Cash Asmussen, entered the last of the five furlongs with a decisive lead. But the runner-up, who finished a disappointing sixth behind Pennekamp in the 2,000 Guineas, produced a strong burst for jockey Thierry Jarnet and passed the post almost as one with the winner.

The judge took 20 minutes to confirm that Millyant had prevailed.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FLASHY'S SON (4.30 Ayr)
Next best: Tranquility (8.35 Bath)

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THUNDERER

6.30 Sian Wyn. 6.55 Magsood. 7.25 Distant Echo. 7.55 Proud Sun. 8.25 Time Won't Wait. 8.55 Robert's Toy.

Brian Best: 7.55 Proud Sun.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES (HURDLES) — SIS

6.30 DEALERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,248: 2m 110yd) (19 runners)

1		-200	JOHNSTED 8 (D,F,S,S) W Clay 9-12-0	Diane Clay	
2		6532	THE EXECUTOR 8 (F) M Pipe 5-11-5	R Dunwoody	
3		302-	BOLD BOSTONIAN 478 K Mawers 7-11-4	Mr A Charles-Jones	
4		0252	ARAFEL 14 C James 4-10-8	S McNeill	
5		0205	EASTERN MAGIC 8 (D,G) G Bassett 7-10-7	S Wynne	
6		4F35	MR ZIG 18 (D,F,S) J Joseph 6-10-6	C Llewellyn	
7		0503	WEST ORIENT 4 (S) O O'Neill 10-10-3	J R Kavanagh	
8		P6P0	CLASSIC IMAGE 172 M Pipe 5-10-1	C Maude	
9		6150	WATER DINNER 13 (D,F,S) K Wingrove 5-10-0	J Ryan	
10		-030	JANET SOBS 8 N Aylife 9-10-0	Guy Lewis (5)	
11		6000	KELLY'S DARLING 16 (D,F) R Stronge 9-10-0	T Lawrence	
12		-252	SIAN WYN 16 K Burke 5-10-0	R Supple	
13		F24P	DARINGLY 7 (D,S) H Mawers 8-10-0	Mr G Brown	
14		0535	ANOTHER VINTAGE 25 P Cundell 6-10-0	A P McCoy	
15		500P	DANCE ON SIXPENCE 20F J Peacock 7-10-0	R Bellamy	
16		0-40	FORMAESTRE 2 R Lee 5-10-0	Jodie Mogford (7)	
17		600P	HARD TO GET 4 (B,CD,G) M Biancalough 8-10-0	Alan Siddall	
18		P0OP	LICENCE TO KILL 8 N Mitchell 6-10-0	D Skyrme	
19		UPU-	STARSHADOW 368 D C Tucker 6-10-0	Sophie Mitchell (7)	

3-1 The Executor, 6-1 Arafel, 7-1 Sian Wyn, 8-1 Mitbig, 10-1 Johnsted, 12-1 West Orient, 14-1 others.

6.55 HUNT SUPPORTERS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,933: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1		2011	LINDEN'S LOTTO 4 (F,S,S) J White 6-12-3 (7ex)	DOUBTFUL	
2		P11F	BRAMPTON BERTIE 24 (BF,D,F) D Chappell 6-11-6	G Upton	
3		2211	LARRY'S LORD 24 (D,F,S) P Nicholls 5-11-5	R Dunwoody	
4		6262	ZAMBIAN 7 (F,S,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5	C Llewellyn	
5		4311	MASSOOD 13 (V,D,F,G) J Watts 10-11-1	S Rigton (7)	
6		2460	HANGOVER 51 (BL,S) R Lee 9-10-10	Jodie Mogford (7)	
7		1I6P	STERLINS BUCK 48 G Yardley 8-10-0	F Leahy (5)	
8		0P34	ROCQUAINE 14 (B) S Scriven 9-10-0	Mr R Johnson (7)	
9		P0PF	LLANELLY 14 G Roe 8-10-0	R Bellamy	

9-4 Larry's Lord, 3-1 Zambian, 4-1 Magsood, 5-1 Brampton Bertie, 10-1 Hangover, 12-1 Rocquaine, 14-1 others.

7.25 TARMAC CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,454: 2m 110yd) (6)

SKY

1	5125	MAHAR 27 (D,F,S) S Dow 10-12-0	R Dunwoody	
2	6132	EUROLINK THE LAD 27 (D,F,S,S) D Nicholson 9-11-10	W Marston	
3	2101	DISTANT ECHO 15 (D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 5-10-8	S McNeill	
4	0003	AMBASSADOR ROYALE 13 (D,F,S) Miss A Boyd 7-10-5	R Supple	
5	025-	ALBERTITO 398 (CD,S,S) R Hollinshead 8-10-0	S Wynne	
6	0FFP	MOZEMO 6 (D,S) A Bailey 8-10-0	D Gallagher	

5-4 Eurolink The Lad, 9-4 Distant Echo, 11-4 Mahar, 16-1 Ambassador Royale, 20-1 Albertito, 33-1 Mozemo.

7.55 31ST YEAR OF THE JOHN CORBET CUP CHAMPION NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,610: 3m 4f) (12)

SKY

1	2-11	BLUE CHEEK 11 (F,S,S) J Mabon 9-12-0	M Bradley (7)	
2	12f1	CHERRYNUT 12F (F,S,S) R Barber 6-12-0	Miss P Curling (5)	
3	P22U	CHIP'N'RUN 28 (F,S,S) Mrs M Teague 9-12-0	J Corbett (7)	
4	12SF	COUTURE TIGHTS 13 (F,S,S) M Lloyd 10-12-0	Miss J Priest (7)	
5	2217	DUBIT 14 (V,F,S) R Winskill 10-12-0	Miss S Vickery (7)	
6	3014	HIGHWAY FIVE 11 (G) Lady Susan Brooke 7-12-0	Miss E James (7)	
7	1205	MONAUGHTY MAN 45 (S) E Caine 9-12-0	K Green (7)	
8	1F11	PROUD SUN 15 (F,S,S) S Pike 7-12-0	M Pelton (5)	
9	1281	RUBER 15 (F,S,S) R Thomson 8-12-0	Miss P Robson (7)	
10	35P3	SHADOW WALKER 12P (F,G) A Hollinsgworth 11-12-0	M Rimell (5)	
11	1212	YOUNG BRAVE 23 (F,S) D Young 9-12-0	M Portman (7)	
12	2211	FINAL PRIDE 11 (F,S,S) P Bowen 9-11-9	E Williams (7)	

2-1 Proud Sun, 7-2 Cherrynut, 9-2 Young Brave, 6-1 Dubit, 8-1 Blue Cheek, 10-1 Final Pride, 16-1 Ruber, 20-1 others.

8.25 SADDLERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,415: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

SKY

1	1-42	MINE'S AN ACE 223 (F,S) Mrs J Renfrew-Barons 8-12-0	R Greene	
2	1212	TIME WON'T WAIT 15 (BF,F,S) R Phillips 6-11-10	J Railton	
3	1121	DE JORDAAN 15 (F) W Cunningham 8-11-8	N Smith	
4	3213	DEEP DARK DAWN 25 (CD,F,S) J Upson 10-11-5	J Supple (3)	
5	4322	MERLINS WISH 24 (D,F) M Pipe 6-11-2	R Dunwoody	
6	4213	RATHER SHARP 7 (F,S) C Popham 9-10-9	Mr A Fitzgerald	
7	P-0P	BLUE BUCCANEER 155 (S,S) C Weedon 12-10-0	Peter Hobbs	

2-1 De Jordaan, 5-2 Time Won't Wait, 9-2 Merlins Wish, 6-1 Mine's An Ace, 8-1 Deep Dark Dawn, 12-1 Rather Sharp, 20-1 Blue Buccaneer.

8.55 YOUNG ENTRY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,828: 2m 110yd) (12)

1	5011	ROBERT'S TOY 4 (D,F,G) M Pipe 4-11-5	R Dunwoody	
2	6201	CLASSIC PAL 9 (D,G) N Mitchell 4-10-13	D Skyrme	
3	-0R0	FORWARD REWARD 37 N Mitchell 8-10-12	C Maude	
4	P/	MANSFIELD HOUSE 844 (B) P Upston 10-10-12	G Hogan (5)	
5	0-	SYLVESTER 468 Miss A Boyd 5-10-12	R Supple	
6	1PP	GOOD FETCH 14 (F) R Stronge 4-10-8	J Lawrence	
7	2F01	LORCANJO 13 (D,G) D Carey 4-10-8	A P McCoy	
8	P6UF	COUSIN WENDY 25P J Pickering 5-10-7	A Thornton	
9	3	LADY COMPESS 18 J Upson 5-10-7	J Supple (3)	
10	0008	RAKHAQAR 9 Miss J Doyle 4-10-7	S Curran (3)	
11	34	WELL ARRANGED 19F R Akehurst 4-10-7	S Ryan (7)	
12	0F	SAWTID 46 G Roe 4-10-2	R Bellamy	

6-4 Robert's Toy, 7-2 Well Arranged, 8-1 Lady Compess, 8-1 Classic Pal, Lorcanjo, 14-1 Rakhaqar, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Nicholls, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; R Hollinshead, 4 from 14, 28.6%; M Pipe, 22 from 97, 22.7%; D Nicholson, 14 from 73, 19.2%; J Upson, 4 from 22, 18.2%; R Lee, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: S Wynne, 5 winners from 17 rides, 29.4%; S Curran, 6 winners from 27 rides, 22.2%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 47, 21.3%; A P McCoy, 4 from 19, 21.1%; C Llewellyn, 14 from 69, 20.3%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 105, 20.0%.

☐ *Mick Channon maintained his fine record at Carlisle when Giggleswick Girl won the Chef's Larder Limited Stakes yesterday. The victory took Channon's record to five wins from just six runners at the track.*

New Zealand emerge as favourites by expanding on traditional virtues

Old Black magic with new dimension

FROM GERALD DAVIES IN JOHANNESBURG

NEW ZEALAND arrived in South Africa almost unnoticed. Unlike the attention that was paid to South Africa, Australia, England and France, the much-fancied countries, they were barely visible, as if they had travelled under cover of darkness.

Rarely, if ever, in their long and distinguished history had they been placed in such a *subordinate role*. This was a strange condition for them and one with which their captain, Sean Fitzpatrick, was content. "We don't mind being *tagged the underdogs*," he said. "It means we have a point to prove."

After their two games, they are making not one point but several. From merely being numbered down the pecking order among the five prominent countries, they are now the front-runners. The transformation has been swift and clinical. This judgment, you may say, is premature. The tournament, after all, is still at the pool stage and sterner tests lie ahead. Of course, there is some truth in this. But what *has elevated* the All Blacks from the rest is the clarity with which they have demonstrated their potency.

While others still talk of their team's potential, New Zealand are giving proof of theirs. They have been impressive. There are those who point out that the two teams they have encountered so far have lacked the necessary *skills and power to put them to* the test. But Ireland and Wales have reputations that are at least recognisable at this level in a way that some countries in the tournament have not.

Neither of these two five nations' championship teams is as formidable as in times past, but New Zealand are likely to be more wary and respectful of them than they would be of, say, Italy, Romania and Canada, against whom England, South Africa and Australia have recently *played and been less than* convincing.

Reputation, admittedly, is one thing, realisation another. By exerting their commanding presence, the All Blacks dismantle reputations and once *the difference in standard is* manifest on a field they expose it ruthlessly. Pride in their own good name insists that the discrepancy must be reflected on the scoreboard. They drive the points home. *Nobody is left in any doubt* who the masters are. Ireland and Wales know this.

Understanding the requirements and the nature of rugby, the All Blacks adapt their strategy according to the needs of the match of the day and their tactics to the run of play.

They arrived with a reputation for having embraced a new style of game. Evidence suggested that nowadays they go happily in search of the spaces and show an unfamiliar alacrity to exploit the width of *the pitch, even from set*-piece play rather than just the looser phases.

Against Ireland they attempted this but did not completely succeed. On Wednesday night, they reverted to their truer selves, pursuing victory through the remorseless momentum of their back *row and the judicious guidance* of their half backs. The old virtues were there in abundance and there emerged more exciting and riveting talent.

As Jonah Lomu exploded *onto the scene against Ireland*, so Andrew Mehrtens and Graeme Bachop, the half *backs, galvanised attention* against Wales. Bachop executed immaculate passes and sent teasing kicks just ahead of his pack, while Mehrtens launched the heavy artillery.

These kicks, by the 22-year-*old stand-off half, were consistently* in the 40 and 50 metre range. One, however, from his own 22, come to rest near one of Wales's corner flags. This was dispiriting for Wales. Others have also emerged, *such as Glen Osborne, at full* back, who is growing into his attacking role. Josh Kronfeld *already seems to be the master* of his, the 24-year-old flanker having been ubiquitously influential against Wales.

Thus New Zealand have started better than anyone else. They are powerful, pacey *and packed with all the correct* skills. Naturally, they are playing it all down. There is a long way to go. But they understand, with the iron will of theirs, that it is going to take an extraordinary team to stop them.

CHARLES PLATIAU



Lomu, right, with Kronfeld in support, displays the power against Wales that has made him the phenomenon of the World Cup

Unspectacular progress keeps the pressure off

Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, says the players are happy to be through with public attention focused elsewhere

Qualification for the World Cup quarter-finals was the first priority for England and, if we have done it without creating much of an impression, so much the better. The players are happy for the spotlight to shine elsewhere.

Few people believed us when it was suggested that pool B would be the most difficult. There are no excuses for poor ball retention, for having kicks charged down or throwing bad passes, but nobody should belittle the countries in our pool: I feel for the Argentina forwards, who have played so well but will be going home after this weekend, and Italy's display against us shows that they are worth a place in the five nations' championship.

On the evidence so far, this tournament has come on a league from that of 1991, in terms of pace, intensity and fitness. The organisation of teams such as Italy has created a higher standard all round: there are, perhaps, three countries who are walkovers and, of those, Romania showed a gritty determination against South Africa.

England's effort against Italy was far from comprehensive but it was considerably more positive than the sleepy display against Argentina. We wanted to be more flexible, to chop and change the lineout and move the ball away from the set pieces more quickly. The aim was to get the props running from short lineouts, to work the back row off either Kyran Bracken or me; England are good at achieving first-phase possession but, to disrupt defences, we need to get over the gain line more than once.

Defences here are so tight, and sometimes so offside, that you have to use the big men to create room for the backs. Or you have to outstrip them, and we don't have quite the confidence to do that yet. We have had to adjust to the pace, which is a physical and a mental problem. In five nations' rugby, there is aggression and intensity and action, but then it stops, everyone has a breather and it begins again. Here you can't stop for a minute and we don't react quickly enough — players have to get up, realign themselves in defence or attack. You can't hang around.

Our support at the breakdown, and what happens once we arrive, must improve. Any player isolated has three bodies over him immediately and either he loses possession, or he is penalised for hanging on to the ball in the tackle, or possession becomes so slow it's hardly worth having.

It was a shame that the match with Italy was played in wet conditions: we wanted a dry day so that we could play positive rugby, but the ball was slippery. We soon discovered that Italy had done their homework. The blind side was packed with defenders while the Italians themselves have half backs who know what they're doing and a good supply of lineout ball from Pedroni, their front jumper.

Now we face Western Samoa with problems of selection and how to play the game. There is no question of throwing the game for the sake of an easier quarter-final — which of South Africa or Australia is easier? — but consideration must be given to resting players who have already come through two hard games in five days so that they are fresh for the knock-out stages next week.

We have to keep the winning habit and there's a stickability about England that will make the other sides think. Now we have reached the quarter-finals, I hope we can relax against the Samoans because, after that, it's do-or-die.

☐ *Interview: David Hands*

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is a hand from a Middlesex Cup Match between Ivor *Miller's team and Gary Jones's team.*

Dealer South **Love all.** **IMP'S**

	♠AQ1087 ♥8 ♦AK643 ♣107	
♠9653 ♥K964 ♦7 ♣J532	N W E S	♠K ♥J10532 ♦109852 ♣96
	♠J42 ♥AQ7 ♦QJ ♣AKQ84	

Contract: Six Spades by South. **Lead: seven of diamonds.**

South for the Jones team opened 2NT and North bid Three Hearts, a transfer bid showing at least five spades. South bid Three Spades and after bidding Four Diamonds North drove the bidding to Six Spades. How should South play on the diamond lead?

In practice South won the *diamond in hand and finessed* the queen of spades. East won the king of spades and gave his partner a diamond ruff. I was asked whether I thought the declarer should play the ace of spades, on the basis that *the lead was probably a* singleton and therefore it was safe for the declarer to lose a spade trick to West. Playing ace and another spade would stop the diamond ruff whenever East had the singleton king of spades or Kxx.

I think this is the correct line, but every now and then it will lose to clever Wests who have led a diamond from five, *holding Kx of spades - now* after ace and another spade West will be able to give his partner a diamond ruff.

At the other table North played Six Spades. East led a heart, and after winning the king of spades punched declarer with another heart. When East showed out on the second spade declarer's best line was to unblock the QJ of diamond before running *trumps. West ruffed the sec*ond diamond, so again the contract went one down.

There is a charity 'Marathon' event at Harold Schogger's 77 Bridge Club in Hendon, commencing on Saturday 10th June. The first session is the Epson World Simultaneous Pairs, followed by five more sessions ending 22 hours later. 80% of the charity money goes to Leukaemia Research and 20% to the Maccabbiah team representing England in Israel in July. Enquiries: 0181-349-9252.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's advance

Garry Kasparov has moved *into a seemingly commanding* lead in Novgorod with a drastic win in round five against Rafael Vaganian. His performance rating is now an extraordinary 3,001 international points. Nigel Short also won *against the American* Grandmaster, Boris Gulko, to share second place. Short, who is heading for one of his best tournament achievements, has a rating of 2,787.

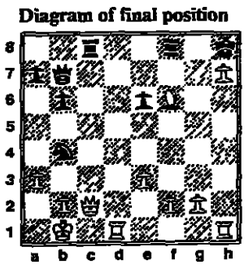
White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Rafael Vaganian
Novgorod, June 1995

Queen's Gambit Declined

1	d4	e6
2	c4	d5
3	Nc3	Be7
4	Nf3	Nf6
5	Bf4	0-0
6	e3	c5
7	dxc5	Bxc5
8	Qc2	Nc6
9	a3	Qa5
10	0-0-0	Be7
11	h4	dxc4
12	Bxc4	b6
13	Ng5	Ba6
14	Nce4	g6
15	Nxf6+	Bxf6
16	Ne4	Be7
17	Bxa6	Qxa6
18	Kb1	Qb7
19	h5	Rac8
20	hxg6	Nb4
21	gxh7+	Kh8
22	Be5+	f6
23	Nxf6	Bxf6
24	Bxf6+	Black resigns

After 24 . . Rxf6 25 axb4 Rxc2 26 Rd8+ and White wins.

Diagram of final position



Blindfold feat

Chess master Paul Lamford, editor of the magazine *Games and Puzzles*, will attempt an extraordinary mental feat to raise funds for the Royal National Institute for the Blind tomorrow from 10am at the Glades Shopping Centre in Bromley, Kent. Lamford will be playing chess, bridge, backgammon and Scrabble simultaneously whilst blindfolded. Further information from the RNIB (01580 754880).

Rash of tournaments

In the aftermath of the 1993 world championship in London a vast number of international level tournaments have sprung up in the UK. Jonathan Rowson, of Aberdeen, won the category 4 *Tyneside international*, the latest to finish, with eight points from nine, securing an international master result.

World championship

Intel, the sponsors, have announced that the 1995 PCA World Championship between Garry Kasparov and Viswanathan Anand will take place in the Rheinhalle, Cologne from September 10 to October 14. The prize fund is $1.5 million.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BIBLICALS
AGABUS
a. A Philistine god
b. A Christian prophet
c. Brotherly love

HANNAH
a. A female disciple
b. A gleaner with Ruth
c. Mother of Samuel

TAMAR
a. *Ritual cleansing*
b. Mother of John
c. Daughter of David

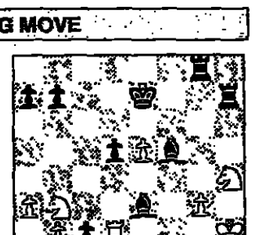
CALEB
a. A minor prophet
b. A pilgrim father
c. A high priest

Answers on page 42

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game *Bondarevsky - Botvinnik*, Moscow 1941. Black can win easily enough with 1 ... Bxd2, gaining rook for bishop. However, he found a much more *effective (and attractive)* way to play. Can you see what he did?



Solution on page 42

Bottoms firmly clenched, the blazer brigade take a break

CLEMENT FREUD IN SOUTH AFRICA

The organisers of the 1995 rugby union World Cup decreed that there should be wall-to-wall games on Wednesday followed by 48 hours' sabbatical. Supporters with broader interest than sport have booked themselves on tours of game reserves — such as Kruger Park — where *they can buy lion-friendly* T-shirts inscribed "Eat Before June 12". A one-day steam train excursion, including lunch, is available at £15.

For the rest, the Irish can be found in McGinty's at the *Holiday Inn — which is a* favoured source of Guinness in Johannesburg. Japanese, now they have nothing to cheer but the punctual departure of their planes home, are out buying mementoes in the *shopping malls where they* stare at *kugels*: young local women who shop as a way of life. They are identifiable by long hair, short skirts, high-heeled boots, prominent cleavages, gold chains; they greet *each other with the words* "Hello, Howzit?"

Will Carling's famous aside has had an extraordinary effect on rugby union officials, who seem to have abandoned the blazers and the swagger that goes with the job: they now walk about trying to look young with their bottoms firmly clenched.

As a consequence of the home team's safe progress into the quarter-finals, the sports pages are nicely relaxed; use their space considering the opposition; Wales have been dubbed "an endangered species"; England's team is criticised for its sloppiness, Ireland's chances are not taken *very seriously; only Scot*land commands respect.

Even after four matches on the previous day, rugby has to share headlines with local soccer, golf and tennis. On the morning news, I learnt that *Mats Wilander was bitten by* Wayne Ferreira . . . my alarms subsided when they gave the score by which the South African bit the Swede.

Television shows late-night replays of the games with their *curious mixture of commen*tary: 50 per cent in English, 30 per cent Afrikaans, ten per cent each Zulu and Sotho. We seem to play best when the commentary is in Zulu, but that may just be a coincidence.

Interest is centred on tickets for the knockout stages and the problem of whom to support in in the game tomorrow between Tonga and Ivory Coast at Rustenburg. Neither team can qualify for the last eight, and this nation, which, when in doubt, supports the underdog, is finding it difficult to determine which of these dogs is underer. I shall be *there. I may be the only person* on the terraces.

On the perimeter road of the circuit that hosts the Grand Prix, eight miles north of the city, is the Kyalami Theatre: five large screens show live *rugby action. That will be full.* Local companies have reserved all tables for corporate entertainment and a bookmaker hovers. You can get evens against Tonga minus eight points, or buy Ivory *Coast plus seven at 11-10.*

What is of commanding interest in and away from the stadiums is the language of the people of this country. They speak like graduates of the Loyd Grosman academy of *vowels and use words, espe*cially adjectives, that bemuse the philologists. *Scaly* means not very nice . . . such as "the film I saw was scaly" which means it was fractionally better than *drek* — African-speak for yucky, but not as bad as *vrot* . . . rotten.

Watching too much football on television makes you *verlep*, literally floppy, worn out, and the biltong you buy at half-time is *lekker*, which is *between nice and delicious*, though, to me, it tastes like a Chelsea boot.

Rather as the people of Ulster finish sentences with the word "but", the South Africans say *nogal*, pro*nounced nochal*, as in "*Italy* nearly beat England *nogal*". Ask someone how they enjoyed the game and you might be told "ja no well fine".

One of the most endearing, also the best-read strip cartoon *in South African newspapers*, is Madam and Eve in *The Johannesburg Star*. Madam is a white Afrikaner housewife; Eve her streetwise black maid. And rugby has now entered this suburban scenario, *nogal*. Yesterday, Madam, sitting with a gin and tonic in her hand, asked Eve "where is the lemon?" which in the next picture comes rugby ball-shaped flying through the air and is caught safely in Eve's hands — just what Ireland failed to do at Bloemfontein on Wednesday.

If there is one thing missing, it is an upset; it looks as if we shall have to wait until next week, if not longer. Meanwhile, the sun shines and the natives, when not talking business on their cellphones, are distinctly friendly.

WORLD CUP DETAILS

All times BST

YESTERDAY

Pool C

New Zealand 34 Wales 9

New Zealand: Tries: Little, Ellis; Kronfield. Cons: Mehrtens 2. Pen: Mehrtens 4. Dropped goal: Mehrtens. Wales: Pens: Jenkins 2. Dropped goal: Jenkins

(Johannesburg)

PROGRAMME

Pool A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Africa	2	2	0	0	48	26	6
Australia	2	1	0	1	45	38	4
Canada	2	1	0	1	45	30	4
Romania	2	0	0	2	11	55	2

RESULTS: South Africa 27 Australia 18 (Cape Town), Canada 34 Romania 3 (Port Elizabeth); South Africa 21 Romania 8 (Cape Town), Australia 27 Canada 11 (Port Elizabeth).

REMAINING MATCHES: Tomorrow: Australia v Romania (Stellenbosch, 2.0pm), South Africa v Canada (Port Elizabeth, 7.0pm).

Pool B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Samoa	2	2	0	0	74	44	8
England	2	2	0	0	51	38	6
Argentina	2	0	0	2	44	56	2
Italy	2	0	0	2	38	69	2

RESULTS: Western Samoa 42 Italy 18 (East London); England 24 Argentina 18 (Durban); Western Samoa 32 Argentina 26 (East London). England 27 Italy 20 (Durban).

REMAINING MATCHES: June 4: Argentina v Italy (East London, noon); England v Western Samoa (Durban, 7.0pm).

Pool C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	2	2	0	0	77	28	6
Ireland	2	1	0	1	69	71	4
Wales	2	1	0	1	66	44	4
Japan	2	0	0	2	38	107	2

RESULTS: Wales 57 Japan 10 (Bloemfontein), New Zealand 43 Ireland 19 (Johannesburg); Ireland 50 Japan 28 (Bloemfontein); New Zealand 34 Wales 9 (Johannesburg)

REMAINING MATCHES: June 4: New Zealand v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm); Ireland v Wales (Johannesburg, 4.0pm).

Pool D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	0	130	5	6
France	2	2	0	0	92	28	6
Tonga	2	0	0	2	15	79	2
Ivory Coast	2	0	0	2	18	143	2

RESULTS: Scotland 89 Ivory Coast 0 (Rustenburg); France 38 Tonga 10 (Pretoria). France 54 v Ivory Coast 18 (Rustenburg); Scotland 41 Tonga 5 (Pretoria)

REMAINING MATCHES: Tomorrow: Tonga v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, noon), Scotland v France (Pretoria, 4pm).

Top two in each pool qualify for quarter-finals. In pool matches, three points are awarded for a win, two for a draw, one for a loss and none for failing to appear. If teams finish level on points, the result between them will determine the higher placing; if that was drawn, the number of tries scored will determine.

Quarter-finals

June 10: pool D winner v pool C runner-up, Durban (noon), pool A winner v pool B runner-up, Johannesburg (2.30pm).

June 11: pool B winner v pool A runner-up, Cape Town (noon); pool C winner v pool D runner-up, Pretoria (2.30pm).

Semi-finals

June 17: Durban winner v Johannesburg winner, Durban (2pm).

June 18: Cape Town winner v Pretoria winner, Cape Town (2pm).

Third-place play-off

June 22: Pretoria (4pm).

Final

June 24: Johannesburg (2pm).

LEADING SCORERS

Player	T	P	D	C	Pts
G Hastings (Scot)	5	10	0	10	75
T Lacroix (Fr)	4	5	0	5	45
R Andrew (Eng)	0	11	2	1	41
A Mehrtens (NZ)	0	8	1	5	37
D Kellett (W Samoa)	1	7	0	4	34
N Jenkins (Wales)	0	6	1	5	33
M Lynagh (Aus)	2	4	0	4	32
G Ross (Can)	0	6	1	2	30
J Stransky (SA)	1	4	1	3	30

THE Crème 14-16 JUNE OLYMPIA

Tough talk leaves Wales with no place to hide

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN PRETORIA

IT IS one thing to be confident, something quite different to be cocky. Alex Evans, the Wales coach, and Geoff Evans, the team manager, were cocky about the likelihood of Wales beating New Zealand on Wednesday night when they should have been confident.

Alex Evans, a talkative and personable Australian, was full of Wales's chances on the eve of the game in Johannesburg. "This squad is good enough to beat the All Blacks at Ellis Park," he said. "They know they can and I know they can and that is what is important." The last time Wales beat New Zealand was in Cardiff in 1953.

Geoff Evans was, if anything, more outspoken. When the Wales team was announced, he said: "We're fitter, faster and stronger than the All Blacks." That was a breathmaking remark to make. What the former London Welsh and British Isles player had to say about Jonah Lomu, the remarkable New Zealand wing, was rather more cute.

Evans heard the inevitable suggestions that the beefy and speedy All Black threequarter would be a handful for Ieuan Evans, Wales's left wing, and perhaps a match-winner for his country and then said, firmly: "The question is not so much what Jonah Lomu will do to Ieuan Evans but what Ieuan Evans will do to Jonah Lomu?" Most of these remarks came back to haunt Wales on Wednesday.

The more the game wore on, the clearer it became that Wales were patently not fitter, faster or stronger than the All Blacks. Even Evans's psychological barb about Lomu did not work because New Zealand switched him to the right wing at the last minute. From there he set up the final try in a 34-9 victory for Josh Kronfeld after a bullocking run.

Perhaps the Welsh management will take a more considered view before the decisive pool C match against Ireland in Johannesburg on Sunday, the winner of which will qualify behind New Zealand for the quarter-finals. The Irish flew from Bloemfontein to Johannesburg yesterday to find Shane Byrne, the replacement hooker for Keith Wood, who has a shoulder injury, had arrived in South Africa.

The 23-year-old student had been watching Tuesday's match against Japan on television at home when he received a call from Pat Whelan, Ireland's assistant coach. Whelan phoned from a mobile telephone in the stands in Bloemfontein to tell Byrne to get his kit together and catch the first available plane.

Berbizier takes a hands-on approach for Scottish clash



Berbizier, the France coach, demonstrates a point in training yesterday, as France prepare to meet Scotland. Photograph: Howard Burditt

Enigmatic French seek variation

FROM JOHN HOPKINS

THE French, never ones to be anything other than chic, have some cheek. While Scotland and almost every other team in the World Cup are quartered in hotels that could be in any city in the Western world, complete with trouser-presser, room service and international direct dialling, France have found truly African accommodation ten miles outside Pretoria.

Take the N4 motorway from the nation's capital, turn off near Cullinan, and head down a dusty, ochre-red road and there, in a sort of game lodge with dozens of thatched-roof huts open to the wind and a lake shimmering at the bottom of the hill, are the French. They have been here for 16 days. It has become a French colony.

In these bucolic surroundings, Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, and Guy Laporte, the team manager, held court, with their match against Scotland tomorrow. It was not the court of the Sun King but it was a typically idiosyncratic Gallic court, nonetheless. Berbizier and Laporte, who played alongside each other for their country, eschewed the formal uniforms worn by the management of other teams. Berbizier, who had a glass of beer in front of him, wore jeans and a T-shirt, while the track-suited Laporte was both smoking and drinking. *Vive la difference.*

In winning 60 caps for France as a scrum half, Berbizier developed broad shoulders, which is just as well because the weight of expectations on him is considerable. He knows that his job as coach of the country that invented *le guillotine* is no sinecure. When Berbizier was asked his title by a television interviewer, he replied, sagely: "*for the time being I am the coach to the French team.*"

There is an edge to this match, one deeply felt by the Scots, who claim their honour has been impugned. Earlier in the week, Laporte told a French reporter that the Scots had damaged a restaurant where they had eaten dinner in Pretoria. A story to this effect appeared in a Johannesburg newspaper and the Scots saw red. They were, anyway, in high dudgeon at the time at not being paid the £8,000-odd tour allowance by the South Africa Rugby Union (Sarfu) that was due to them.

A Scottish tabloid newspaper ran a headline "Lying Frogs At It Again" and referred to Laporte as a "feelthy frog". Duncan Paterson, the Scotland manager, who can sometimes be reluctant to let a smile pass over his face, reportedly demanded an apology from the sports editor of the newspaper that published the story — and then was overheard to say that if he did not get it he would send around a couple of his boys.

For the French, this was a storm in a teacup and with a commendable display of *savoir-faire*, Berbizier made light of it. "We smashed up one restaurant last night, so it is 2-1 to the Scottish so far," the France coach joked. "After the game on Saturday, France and Scotland are going to smash every restaurant in Pretoria."

The significance of the game is that the winner will have the easier quarter-final — against either Wales or Ireland — whereas the loser will play New Zealand. And Berbizier, as well as anyone, knows it is time that France delivered a worthy performance after two moderate victories in the five nations' championship — and a narrow defeat by Scotland — and then hardly sparkling victories over Tonga and the Ivory Coast in the first two pool D matches.

"I expect much more from this French team — and I expect you do, too," he said. "Everyone wants to play with style — even England. The French are looking for champagne rugby and hope to show you champagne rugby and some style."

Yet, such is the unpredictability of France, it is possible they could lose to Scotland and then summon up one dazzling performance to defeat New Zealand. "I agree, that is possible," Berbizier said. "I would like to think that is possible."

The way the France backs shaved their heads was a talking point last week. Now their hair is growing again, they look less like convicts. "My hair is getting better," Franck Mesnel, the centre who will be a replacement for tomorrow's game, said. He took off his baseball-style cap and ran a hand through the cornfield of stubble on his head. "We are going to have go very deep [to beat Scotland]. We have a lot of respect for them. Gavin Hastings is living a nice story. We [France] are under pressure — as usual."

He added: "We like to be different. Fifteen excellent individual players do not make a good team. We have to play with feeling and with French flair. Our problem is not that we are Mediterranean or Latins. It is that we are French. We are enigmas. The one enemy for us is ourselves."

Francois Pienaar returns as captain of South Africa, who make five changes for their final pool A match against Canada in Port Elizabeth tomorrow. Also back are Andre Joubert, Joel Stransky, Hannes Strydom and James Dalton.

SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert; J Small, C Scholtz, B Venter, P Hendricks, J Stransky, J Roux; G Pagel, J Dalton, M Hurter, F Pienaar (captain), K Wiese, H Strydom, R Brink, A Richter.

Cooper flies home to assist Havant

HAVANT, who represent England in the European club hockey championship, which starts in Terrassa, Spain, tomorrow, have been drawn in pool B, where the stiffest opposition is likely to come from Amsterdam, who include Taco van den Honert, the top scorer with 11 goals in the World Cup in Australia last year (Sydney Friskin writes).

Colin Cooper, who left Havant ten months ago to work in Hong Kong, has rejoined the team for the championship, having led them to the the national league title two years ago, which qualified the club for event this weekend. The other pool is likely to lie between Uhlenhorst, from Germany, the holders, and the host club, Atlético Terrassa. Leicester, short of match practice, will represent England in the women's event, which is being held in Utrecht.

Costs force cancellation

CYCLING: The Grand Prix of Wales, scheduled to be run on July 2, has been cancelled because of the cost of policing the event. The 125-mile road race, which would have been the longest one-day event in Britain this year, would have left organisers with a bill of £5,600 from Gwent police for traffic control in the Abergavenny area.

☐ Steve Douce, the former national cyclo-cross champion who was seriously injured in a fall while mountain bike racing on Sunday, came out of a coma in Middlesbrough General Hospital yesterday. He underwent a five-hour operation on face and head injuries after the fall.

Sad day for Simtek

MOTOR RACING: The Simtek Formula One team yesterday confirmed that it was pulling out of the Canadian Grand Prix on June 11. The Banbury-based team, whose debut season last year was marred by the death of its driver, Roland Ratzenberger, has been forced to withdraw after failing to find more backing. "It is a very sad day for everyone who has been involved with Simtek Grand Prix," Nick Wirth, the team owner, said, adding that he hoped a return to racing might be possible in due course.

Bryan puts title on line

BOXING: Del Bryan, from Nottingham, the British welterweight champion, defends his title against Gary Logan, of Croydon, at York Hall, Bethnal Green, tonight. Bryan was stopped in ten rounds when challenging José Luis Navarro, of Spain, for the European title in December and has not boxed since. Logan's last bout was in October, when he drew with Nick Hall. Logan has been in training for four months, much of that time being spent with the talented and unbeaten light-middleweight, Adrian Dodson.

Avalanche intervenes

CYCLING: The nineteenth stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday was shortened by more than a third after an avalanche blocked an Alpine pass. Pascal Richard, of Switzerland, was first past the new finish line after the road through the 2,748m-high Colle dell'Agnello, in the Italian Alps, became impassable. The riders had completed 80 miles of the 126-mile stage when it was halted. Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, has virtually clinched victory after retaining his five-minute overall lead with three stages left.

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No regrets as Botha sizes up next set of goalposts

Mark Souster meets the former South Africa kicking machine ready for a new challenge and philosophical about missed opportunities

The shock of blond hair and immaculate appearance ensure Naas Botha, two years into his retirement, is instantly recognisable. During South Africa's years of sporting isolation, Botha, with the collar of his shirt upturned, was the living image of Springbok rugby.

In a 15-year career that took in South Africa, Ireland and six years in Italy, he played 29 internationals and was one of the first full-time "professional" players. There was also the venture into American football with the Dallas Cowboys which ultimately lasted only 18 months but did much to shape his views on sport.

Nowadays he is back at his beloved Loftus Versfeld as public relations manager for Northern Transvaal, with whom he won nine Currie Cups. Although shorter than one imagines, at the age of 37 he still cuts an impressive figure behind the desk of his oak-panelled office.

He talks about life, politics and rugby in the same precise, measured manner that he once kicked the rugby ball. He is probably the greatest kicker the game has seen, with a phenomenal 75 per cent strike rate. It was not achieved by accident but was a tribute to endless daily one-and-a-half-hour practice sessions.

Gary Player's quip that the more he practised the luckier he became could equally apply to Botha. The golfing analogy is appropriate as that sport is his latest obsession, so much so that he hopes to make it his next career.

He intends to devote the next year of his life to achieving his goal, initially on the South African winter tour. Already playing off a handicap of two, he believes he could soon be down to scratch. "If I really put my mind to it, after six months I would be very very competitive," he said. "I know my capabilities, and my mental state and I know what pressure is. The only thing is, can I do it for four rounds? We'll see, but life is too short to sit back and not do anything."



Botha: impressive figure

It is the same cool, clinical, detached philosophy with which he dealt with the years of isolation and his retirement, even though South Africa are now hosting the tournament. "I've missed it; so what?" is all he has to say.

Otherwise there is the occasional twinge of regret about missed opportunities: "But there was nothing I could have done to change the situation [of the past few years]. What I have tried to do is create my own own opportunities rather than wait for the world to create the opportunities for South Africa."

Although he played in the recent Danie Craven memorial match, for which he trained for four months, there is no chance of a comeback. However, he is still happy to pass on the tricks of his trade to the next generation of players, among them South Africa's present stand-off half, Joel Stransky, whose place-kicking has improved beyond recognition after a two-hour stint with Botha.

Gavin Johnson and Neil Jenkins are others to have benefited from his advice and he would gladly help Thierry Lacroix, not that Scotland — France's next opponents — would approve. Lacroix, he believes, has little hope of becoming a consistent match-winner because of his idiosyncratic style.

For Gavin Hastings, a personal friend, he has nothing but admiration: "Gavin is kicking so nicely. It looks effortless. He is the No 1 full back in the world and is ready for this tournament."

With Hastings in prime form, he wouldn't be surprised if Scotland beat France on Saturday: "Scotland looks like it knows where it wants to go." Whether that is all the way to the final, he doubts. That, he believes, will be between South Africa and New Zealand.

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June 8	Parker Pen	Kings Lynn	40
June 8	Minet Ltd	The London	72
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June 9	The Mayflower Corporation Plc	Wentworth	30
June 9	Ratcliffe Security	Silkfold Park	30
June 9	Glaxo Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd	East Herts	28
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June 9	Barclays Bank Plc	Sherwood Forest	60
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Irish interests receive boost after first round of the English Open

Impeccable Walton shares lead role

BY MEL WEBB

PHILIP WALTON is one of the more self-effacing characters on the PGA European Tour, and not even a brilliant, flawless 67 that gave him a share of the lead in the Murphy's English Open yesterday would shake him out of his relentless modesty.

There are plenty of Walton's peers who are as unassuming as him, and it has to be said that some of them have a good deal to be modest about. He is emphatically not one of them. He is a thoroughbred through and through, even if he does use a broomhandle putter, which to golf purists is little short of an instrument of the devil.

Walton, 33, whose seven-under-par round put him at the top of the leaderboard alongside Alexander Cejka, the young German, is at present eighteenth in the Ryder Cup points list, and victory at the Forest of Arden, worth £108,330 would put him comfortably in the top ten. The thought of playing against the United States would send others into a lather. Not Walton.

After he won the Catalan Open in April, he was widely reported as having no particular interest in playing in the golf match to end them all, after losing in a play-off against Ian Woosnam in the Irish Open in 1989 and just missing a place in the team. Wrong, he said.

"I was kidding just a little bit," he insisted. "It's everybody's dream to play in it. I was a bit disappointed after 1989, but that's history."

His thoughts on the match do, however, contain a measure of reservation. "The Ryder Cup is destroying some players," he said. "I just think it's unfair that it comes down to one small putt on the final green. You see guys coming off the 18th green with their eyes in the back of their heads, and I think there can be too much pressure on them."

Walton came into professional golf after a distinguished amateur career that included two Walker Cup appearances, which he enjoyed. He is not sure that Ryder Cup golf is quite the same kettle of fish.

"The Walker Cup is good fun, and there are only about 3,500 people watching it, not 45,000, as in the Ryder Cup. It's the thought of letting the whole of the European side down as you come down the 18th. You should ask guys like Barry Lane and Costantino Rocca — I've watched their expressions."

Walton is not one of nature's superstars, but quietly, over the years, he has accumulated more than £1 million in Europe. His methods could not be better exemplified than by the most profitable shots of his round here. Like so many Irishmen, he has a sorcerer's touch from close range. He hit a sand-wedge to three feet on the 1st, pitched to 20 feet and made the putt on the 3rd, then birdied three holes in succession from the 7th.

Calm consolidation ensued, but he had his sixth birdie with a five-iron and a 12-foot putt on the 14th, and played the loosest shot when he missed the green on the par-three last and chipped in with an eight-iron from 30 feet. It was the final blow of a small but perfectly formed classic.

Walton and Cejka, who included eight birdies in his round, lead Peter Senior, the stubby little Australian who is making a rare visit to some of his old stamping grounds, by one shot and Miguel Angel Martin, Mark Davis, Michael Campbell and Jamie Spence by two. Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, ended four off the pace on 69.

Campbell, a Maori who could very well become New Zealand's best golfer since Bob Charles, the great left-hander who won the Open Championship in 1963, again made an impression following his magnificent 65 in the final round of the Volvo PGA Championship on Monday. Three over par after six holes, he then played the next 12 in eight under. He is an outstanding prospect; the European Tour will do well to keep him on this side of the Atlantic in the coming years.

FIRST ROUND

GB and Ire unless stated

65: P Walton, A Cejka (Ger). 66: P Senior (Aus). 67: M Campbell (NZ), M A Martin (Sp), M Davis, J Spence. 68: A Forsbrand (Swe), W Riley (Aus), P Price, T Price (Aus), J L Guepy (Fr), M Harwood (Aus), R Chapman, B Lane, H Clark, W Westner (SA), M Gronberg (Swe). 69: O Karlsson (Swe), P-U Johansson (Swe), C Montgomerie, C Rocca (It), A Coltart, K Eriksson (Swe), A Oldcorn, P Baker, J M Cañizares (Sp). 70: I Pyman, S Torrance, J Rivero (Sp), R Drummond, D Robertson, S Ames (Trin), R Wessels (SA), J Van de Velde (Fr), J Quirós (Sp), A Lyle, D Cooper, R Davis (Aus), D Feherty, M Roe, P Broadhurst, E Darcy, E O'Connell, P Hedblom (Swe), M Clayton (Aus). 71: M Mouland, G Brand Jr, N Fasth (Swe), P Linhart (Sp), G Evans, P Affleck, P Quirici (Switz), S Cage, F Tarnaud (Fra), M Hallberg (Swe), J Haeggman (Swe), R Claydon, J McHenry



Montgomerie, of Scotland, sizes up a putt on his way to a round of 69 at the Forest of Arden yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Norman rejoins Tour

GREG NORMAN, out of action for more than six weeks because of a back spasm that forced him out of the second round of the Heritage Classic, returned to the US PGA Tour yesterday talking of cutting back on his schedule.

Before starting play in the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village, Ohio, the Australian said: "I love to play the game but I'd like to play 20 tournaments a year rather than 25. While I was off I got a lot of business things done. I had some time with the family. I had a few beers with Nick Price. I loved it."

Norman faced an international field of 114, led by the defending champion, Tom Lehman, winner of last week's Colonial. Other leading contenders include Price, Nick Faldo and Ernie Els, while others among the field in good form are Vijay Singh and Peter Jacobsen, both double winners this year, John Daly, Paul Azinger, Ben Crenshaw, the Masters champion, and the 55-year-old host and founder, Jack Nicklaus.

□ Arnold Palmer and Gary Player head the entry for the £350,000 Senior British Open at Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland, from July 27-30. Player will be trying for his third victory in the event, while Palmer, 65, will be competing a week after his final Open Championship appearance at St Andrews.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 3 Colorado 5; New York 7 San Diego 5; Chicago 4 Atlanta 1; Florida 4 Houston 7, Montreal 5 San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 1 Los Angeles 4; Pittsburgh 1 Cincinnati.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 5 Detroit 3; Milwaukee 8 Minnesota 1; Boston 6 Oakland 5; Cleveland 6 Chicago 3; Texas 4 Kansas City 2, Baltimore 5 California 3; Seattle 11 New York 9.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference finals: Orlando 108 Indiana 106 (Orlando leads best-of-seven series 3-2)
SOFIA: European championship qualifying: Yugoslavia 93 Bulgaria 87; Turkey 81 Bosnia 73

BOWLING

ENGLISH WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Johns Trophy (inter-county six-rink championship): First round: Yorks v Lincs 131-117; Derbyshire bt Notts 110-105, Cumbria bt Lancs 123-48; Northumberland bt Durham 139-108; Northants bt Oxon 114-103; Suffolk bt Beds 116-111; Leicestershire v Warwickshire postponed; Hants bt Norfolk 117-113; Wilts bt Isle of Wight 148-102; Devon bt Cornwall 117-103; Dorset bt Hants 126-97; Somerset bt Herefordshire 131-91; Kent bt Essex 130-120; Berks bt Herts 120-107; Middlesex bt Bucks 119-87; Sussex bt Surrey 119-111

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: (final day of three). Maidstone: Somerset 110 and 258 (S Griffiths 106, G R Swinney 54; E J Stanford 4-62), Kent 420-3 dec (D P Fulton 178, N J Llong 159, S Herzberg 51 not out). Kent won by an innings and 52 runs. Shildon: Gloucestershire 326-8 dec (P W Romaines 91 not out, R C J Williams 51) and 260-8 (R J Cunliffe 142). Durham 439 (P Bainbridge 154, J I Longley 106). Match drawn. Chesterfield: Sussex 237 (P Aldred 4-56) and 168-6 dec (M Newell 54no, A C Cottam 4-48); Derbyshire 165-8 dec (M R May 51) and 126 (R J Kirtley 5-41). Sussex won by 114 runs. Oundle School: Yorkshire 270 (M Wood 137) and 254-8 (M Wood 68, A A Metcalfe 50; A R Roberts 6-77); Northamptonshire 404-8 dec (D J Roberts 117, D J Sales 87, K J Innes 54 not out: 1 D Fisher 4-92). Match drawn. (second day of three): Bournemouth: Hampshire 360-4 dec; Essex 139 (K D James 4-32) and 167-3 (A Hibbert 84 not out, C Rogers 66). Barwell: Nottinghamshire 178 (J Ormond 6-41) bt Leicestershire 117-7.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Mildenhall: Hertfordshire 192-8 dec and 248-7 dec (S J Page 101, R S Smith 68; A K Golding 5-99) drew with Suffolk 184-7 dec (C A Miller 51 not out) and 107-3.
SCHOOLS: XL Club 141, * King's Rochester 80-6 (* Denotes home side)

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Nineteenth stage (130k, from Mondovi to Chianale): 1, P Richard (Switz, Magnificio MG) 4hr 1min 11sec; 2, R Messi (It, Ceramiche Refin): 3, N Rodriguez (Col, ZG Mobili) same time; 4, H Buenahora (Col, Kelme) at 10sec; 5, M Ghirotto (It, ZG Mobili) 1:08; 6, M Siboni (It, Carrera) same time.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group three: Sweden 1 Iceland 0 (in Sundsvall).
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Finland 0 Denmark 1 (Helsinki); Yugoslavia 1 Russia 2 (Belgrade).
SEMI-PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL: Gibraltar 2 England 3 (S Taylor 15, J Bolton 40, D Venables 47).
SPANISH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Valencia 1 Albacete 1

GOLF

RYE: Bar Society tournament: First round: M Templeman bt D Watson 1 up; J Davies bt Judge Brian Carter QC 4 and 3; M Shaw bt I Mill 4 and 3; D Westcott bt S Thrower 4 and 3; J Cartwright bt M Harrington 2 and 1; N Sweeney bt T Shields QC 4 and 3; N Stewart bt T Higginson 1 up; J Carey bt P Irvin 5 and 4; H Turcan bt C Purchase QC 3 and 2; R Backhouse QC bt E Faulks 4 and 3; R Anelay QC bt R Stevenson 2 and 1; D Herbert bt A Anderson QC 3 and 1; J Bennett bt G Clough 4 and 3; F Garland-Collins bt A Hamilton QC 2 and 1; J Slater QC bt N Gareth-Jones 1 up; T Charlton QC bt Judge S Cottart 3 and 2; R Walker QC bt R Hartley QC 2 and 1; J Waite bt G Moriarty QC 2 and 1; Justice Connell bt M Lyne 7 and 5; D Wilby bt P Atherton 2 and 1; P John bt G Rose 2 and 1; P Grundy bt Judge P Rountree 4 and 3; Honour G Jones bt N Wright 2 and 1; G Van Tonder bt T Cray 1 up, K Willcock QC bt R Doggett 1 up; R Bromilow bt Justice Buckley 3 and 2; Justice Clarke bt C Goldstone QC 1 up; R Thomas QC bt M Fay 5 and 3, R Terry bt B Stork 1 up, M Cousens bt R Harris 3 and 2; Judge N Hague bt Sir I Percival QC 3 and 2; F Tyler bt R Percival 4 and 3
Second round: N Coleman bt G Lowman 3 and 2; I Christie bt Judge C Tilling 1 up; C Symons QC BYE M Warren bt M Saxby 2 and 1; R Hunt bt R Smith QC 2 and 1. R Tufley bt J Jones 2 and 1; J Cohen bt J Benson 1 up; D Ryan bt S Mortimore QC 1 up; R Leach bt C Styles 5 and 4; M Kelly w/o D Penry-Davey QC scr; M Stephens bt I Taggart QC 5 and 3; D Penny bt J West 5 and 4; J Livesey bt Judge S Fawcus 1 up; R Stead bt R Tresman 8 and 7; G Pollock QC bt R Hayward 1 up; C Kemp bt Judge R Livesey QC 4 and 3; J Davies bt M Templeman 1 up; D Westcott bt M Shaw 1 up; N Sweeney bt J Cartwright 3 and 2; N Stewart bt J Carey 2 and 1; H Turcan bt R Backhouse QC 3 and 2; D Herbert bt R Anelay QC 3 and 2; J Bennett bt F Garland-Collins 3 and 2; T Charlton QC bt J Slater QC at 20th; R Walker QC bt J Waite at 20th, Justice Connell bt D Wilby 5 and 4, P Grundy bt P John 4 and 2; Honour G Jones bt G Van Tonder 5 and 4, K Willcock QC bt R Bromilow 4 and 3, Justice Clarke bt R Thomas QC 6 and 5: M Cousens bt R Terry 2 and 1; Judge N Hague bt F Tyler 2 and 1.

RUGBY UNION

CORRECTED RESULT: Tour match: Australian Universities 32 England A 30 (in Sydney).

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton 47 (R Correy 10, M Dixon 10) Cradley Heath 49 (G Hancock 14, B Hamill 13); Poole 42 (A Rossiter 13, L Gunnestad 11, J Crump 10) Bradford 54 (G Havelock 14, J Screen 12). STAR KNOCK-OUT CUP: Second round; first leg: Hull 59 (P Thorp 14, N Crabtree 12, J Staechmann 11) Edinburgh 49 (M Loram 11, K McKinna 10).

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open
MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt M Washington (US) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; A Berasategui (Sp) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-4, 7-5, 6-7, 3-6, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-5 6-1 6-0; T Muster (Austria) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-1, 6-3, 6-3; C Costa (Sp) bt B Ulihrach (Cz) 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; A Corretja (Sp) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt M Washington (US) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt E Alvarez (Sp) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt T Guardiola (Fr) 7-5, 6-2, 6-3; T Martin (US) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; B Karbacher (Ger) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 2-6, 9-7; M Stich (Ger) bt S Edberg (Swe) 7-6, 6-3, 6-2; F Meligeni (Br) bt M Rosset (Switz) 7-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; R Reneberg (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-0, 7-5, 7-6, T Carbonell (Sp) bt F Fetterlein (Den) 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4
MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt D Courcol and G Solves (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) and M Wilander (Swe) bt T Carbonell and F Roig (Sp) 2-6, 6-3, 14-12; J Apell and J Bjorkman (Swe) bt J-F Bachelot and M Huard (Fr) 6-2, 6-1; J Palmer and R Reneberg (US) bt P Norval (SA) and M Oosting (Holl) 6-3, 6-4; B Black (Zim) and J Stark (US) bt P Arnold and D Orsanic (Arg) 6-3, 6-4; C Suk and D Vacek (Cz) bt W Arthurs (Aus) and S Noteboom (Holl) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; L Jensen and M Jensen (US) bt J Golmard and L Roux (Fr) 6-2, 7-5; T Ho (US) and B Steven (NZ) bt A Mronz and U Riglewski (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; A Boetsch (Fr) and M Rosset (Switz) bt K Flach and R Seguso (US) 6-4, 6-3; N Kulti and M Larsson (Swe) bt J Frana (Arg) and K Kinnear (US) 6-4, 6-0; D Prinosil (Ger) and D Rikl (Cz) bt L Bale and J-L de Jager (SA) 6-3, 6-4; D Johnson and K Thorne (US) bt M Goellner (Ger) and D Nargiso (It) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; J Eagle and A Florent (Aus) bt D Flach and B Shelton (US) 6-3, 6-0; N Broad (GB) and B Haygarth (SA) bt M Damm and J Kodes (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; S Davis and J Tarango (US) bt V Flegl and P Korda (Cz) 7-6, 6-4; M Barnard and E Ferreira (SA) bt D Randall and G Vanemburgh (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; M Bauer (US) and J Ireland (Aus) bt E Couto and J Cunha-Silva (Por) 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; A O'Brien (US) and S Stolle (Aus) bt O Kristiansson and L-A Wahlgren (Swe) 6-4, 6-3; R Leach and S Melville (US) bt O Delaitre (Fr) and P Rafter (Aus) 6-2, 5-3; J Arrese and J A Conde (Sp) bt T Kronemann (US) and D MacPherson (Aus) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; M Knowles (Bah) and J Siemerink (Holl) bt T Kempers (Holl) and J Waite (US) 6-3, 6-3; G Connell (Can) and P Galbraith (US) bt M Keil (US) and P Nyborg (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Lareau (Can) and B MacPhie (US) bt D Adams (SA) and T Nijssen (Holl) 6-3, 7-6; K Jones and D Pate (US) bt M Sinner (Ger) and J Winnink (Holl) 7-5, 5-7, 6-4; G Muller and D Visser (SA) bt M Petchey (GB) and M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Second round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; S Appelmans (Bel) bt T Whitlinger Jones (US) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; A Huber (Ger) bt Schultz 6-4, 6-4; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt N Feber (Bel) 7-6, 1-6, 7-5; J Halard (Fr) bt A Grossman (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; V Martinek (Ger) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 6-1, 6-0; R Dragomir (Rom) bt L Harvey Wild (US) 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; C Cristea (Rom) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-3, 6-4; K Nagatsuka (Japan) bt E Callens (Bel) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; S Appelmans (Bel) bt T Whitlinger Jones (US) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; I Majoli (Cro) bt M J Gaidano (Arg) 6-1, 6-0; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Pitkowski (Fr) 6-3, 6-0; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-1, 6-3; A Frazier (US) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-2, 6-4; B Reinstadler (Austria) bt S Meier (Ger) 6-4, 6-3; K Nowak (Pol) bt M McGrath (US) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt M Babel (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt P Schwarz-Ritter (Austria) 6-4, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt S Testud (Fr) 6-3, 7-5; M Pierce (Fr) bt C Singer (Ger) 7-5, 6-0; Wang bt E Likhovtseva (Russ) 6-1, 6-2; J Watanabe (US) bt L Ghirardi (Fr) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: First round: A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) and F Labat (Arg) bt Yone Kamio and N Kijimuta (Japan) 7-6, 6-4; N Dahlman (Fin) and K Kschwendt (Ger) bt L Horn (SA) and D Monami (Bel) 7-5, 6-2; A Serra-Zanetti (It) bt P Suarez (Arg) 6-2, 6-3; A Carlsson (Swe) and A Fusai (Fr) bt D Graham (US) and J Hetherington (Can) 6-4, 7-5; K Habsudova and R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt K Godridge and K Sharpe (Aus) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; L Harvey-Wild and C Rubin (US) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) and R McQuillan (Aus) 6-1 ret; J Novotna (Cz) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt L McNeil (US) and H Sukova (Cz) 6-1, 6-4; K Boogert and N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) bt M de Swardt (SA) and R Dragomir (Rom) 6-2, 6-1; H Nagano (Japan) and Sung-Hee Park (S Kor) bt L Garrone and F Perfetti (It) 6-4, 6-3; G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt M Saeki and Y Yoshida (Japan) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) and P Tarabini (Arg) bt K Kroupova (Cz) and K Studenikova (Slovakia) 2-2 ret; E Reinach (SA) and I Spirlea (Rom) bt K-A Guse (Aus) and V Lake (GB) 7-5, 6-4; E Martincova (Cz) and E Wagner (Ger) bt S Farina (It) and N Feber (Bel) 6-3, 6-4; E Makarova and E Maniokova (Russ) bt E Callens (Bel) and D Scott (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; C Barclay (Aus) and J Husarova (Slovakia) bt M Werdel Witmeyer and T Whitlinger Jones (US) 6-3, 6-0; M Bollegraf (Holl) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt S Appelmans (Bel) and M Oremans (Holl) 6-1, 7-6; M McGrath (US) and L Neiland (Lat) bt Y Basuki (Indo) and N Miyagi (Japan) 6-2, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, second day of four, 110 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Kent
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Hampshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Essex
TAUNTON: Somerset v Yorkshire
HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey
University match
11.0, first day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Leicestershire.
BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Chelmsford: Essex v Kent. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire. Slough: MCC Young Cricketers v Essex. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Northamptonshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British welterweight championship (12rnds): Del Bryan (Nottingham, holder) v Gary Logan (Brixton) (York Hall, Bethnal Green).
EQUESTRIANISM: Nations' Cup (Hickstead).
GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden).
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Mann).
MOTOR RALLYING: Scottish Rally (Perth).
SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated): Premier League: Peterborough v Middlesbrough. Scottish Open championship: Edinburgh (7.15). Speedway Star Knock Out Cup: Second round, second leg: Arena Essex v Oxford (8.0); Belle Vue v Sheffield.

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RADIO CHOICE

Woman with an axe to grind

No Further Questions. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Mary Raleigh Richardson was 17 when she arrived in Britain from Canada, intending to become a novelist. But she saved Mrs Pankhurst's son from a hostile crowd, became a militant suffragette and crowned a series of minor offences by taking an axe to the *Rokeby Venus* in the National Gallery. She did it, she explained in court, in protest at the Government's treatment of Mrs Pankhurst. Her action, says Nicholas Stewart, QC, presenting the fourth in a series of landmark trials, was seen by many to be counter-productive since it provoked a sense of revulsion among both press and public. Richardson served only two weeks of her six-month sentence because the First World War broke out. But it was long enough for her to earn the nickname "Slasher Mary".

Curtain Up: A Midsummer Night's Dream. *Radio 3, 9.05pm.*

"A formidable task but a lovely one," said Benjamin Britten as he prepared to set Shakespeare's words for a new opera to mark the opening of the refurbished Jubilee Hall at Aldeburgh in 1960. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is one of the few operas whose text is taken from a pre-existing play, and Aled Jones talks us through it as a prelude to tomorrow night's live broadcast from the English National Opera. Britten enjoys himself parodying such operatic highlights as Lucia's Mad Scene from Donizetti. He thought everybody should set Shakespeare to music.

Kenneth Gosling

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce with the Early Breakfast Show **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.00** Radio 1 Roadshow live from the War Memorial Park, Coventry **12.00** Wendy Lloyd **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat, and from **6.30** The Rhythm of Friday Night **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel **1.00am** The 1FM Rap Show with Westwood

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner with the Early Show **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at 10.00 Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Chris Stuart, incl at 3.00 Fifties after Three **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hoaxl (r) **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** John Horler, at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Roots in the Classics: Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at 7.15 The Lawyer's Story; **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck, and at 1.35 Techno Cops **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at 2.35 Crime Junkies **4.00** Nationwide, incl at 6.15 Crime Update **7.00** News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** American Graffiti **9.35** Stop Press **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe (MW: Off the Shelf **5.45** Folk) **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Andy Kershaw (MW: Europe Today) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Letters Home **8.00** News **8.15** On the Move **8.30** Science **9.00** News (MW: News in German) **9.15** Words of Faith (MW: News in German) **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.15** John Dunn **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf Noon Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News and Business (MW: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Faith (MW: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Music Review **6.00** News and Business **6.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **6.30** World Today (MW: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Politics **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Farming Midnight News **12.10am** Science View **12.15** John Peel **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Weeklies **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** Seven Days **2.30** Jazz **2.45** Books **3.00** Newsday **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Vintage Chart.

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Mark Griffiths **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Countdown to Graphs
7.00 On Air. Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in D); Chopin (Polonaise brillante in C); *7.47 Handel Handbook:* Handel (Violin Sonata in D); **8.05** Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 15 in A minor); Delius (A Late Lark)
9.00 Composers of the Week: The Bohemians
10.00 Musical Encounters. Finger (Suite in G minor, On the Death of Purcell); Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No 3); Handel (Coronation Anthem, My Heart is Inditing); **10.30** *Artists of the Week:* Borodin Quartet. Brahms (String Quartet in B flat); **11.05** Liszt (Serenade, Bunte Reihe); Havergal Brian (Symphony No 9); Haydn (Seven Last Words on the Cross, Sonata VII: Terremoto)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras (r)
1.00pm Friday Chamber Music, live from the Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall, University of York. The Royal Northern College of Music Postgraduate Ensemble under Clark Rundell performs *Nicola Le Fanu (The Story of Mary O'Neill, Acts 1 and 2)*
2.00 Alexander Toradze, piano, performs Ravel (Gaspard de la nuit); Liszt (Variations on "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen"); Stravinsky (Three movements, Petrushka) (r)
3.00 Fairest Isle: Mining the Archive. The first of four programmes from the Aldeburgh Festival features Mstislav Rostropovich with the English Chamber Orchestra under Benjamin Britten
4.20 Turns of the Century Peter Nichols on the comedy of Noël Coward
4.30 Songs of South East Asia: Music of the Meo people of Laos
5.00 The Music Machine: The trumpeter John Wallace performs Berio (Sequenza X)
5.15 In Tune: Elgar (Overture, In the South, Alassio); **6.03** Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor); **6.30** Bizet (Tarantelle)
7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Odaline de la Martinez, with Philippa Davies, flute. Bernstein (Overture, Candide); Amy Beach (Symphony in E minor, Gaelic); Chaminade (Concertino); Gershwin, arr Robert Russell Bennett (Symphonic Picture, Porgy and Bess)
9.05 Curtain Up: A Midsummer Night's Dream. See Choice
9.30 Hear and Now: Composers' Guild 50th Anniversary Concert. Nicholas Daniel, oboe, Pauline Lowbury, violin, Martin Outram, viola; Britten Sinfonia under Peter Maxwell Davies. Bliss (Fanfare for Brass); Vaughan Williams (Oboe Concerto); Elizabeth Maconchy (Variationi concertanti); **Interval** with Michael Oliver; Panufnik (Paean); Hugh Collins Rice (Robin's Lament); Maxwell Davies (Concerto for Violin and Viola, Strathclyde Concerto No 5); **The Lost Jockey Rediscovered:** Music by composers who started out in this British "systems music" band
12.00-1.00am From Grétry to Gershwin (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Johnston McKay **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** *William Tayler, Diary of a Footman.* David Haig reads the final episode (r) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Marianne Faithfull (r)
9.45 Feedback, presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; No Further Questions (FM only): See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Children's Radio 4: Talking Poetry (LW only): The poems of Roger McGough
10.30 Woman's Hour: Introduced from Glasgow by Ruth Wishart. Serial: *Monkey's Uncle*, by Jenni Diski (2/10)
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Daire Brehan
12.25pm The Food Programme: Derek Cooper looks at current food trends **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Luck of Barry Lyndon, by William Makepeace Thackeray. The first of a two-part dramatisation of the rise and fall of an Irish rogue. With Gerard Murphy and Sean Campion. Dramatised by John Scotney (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: In York, Tim Marlow visits an *exhibition examining the relationship between photography and the computer*
4.45 Short Story: Getting the Ending Right, by Terence Collins. Read by Paul Webster (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? With Robin Cook, MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary; Simon Hughes, MP, Liberal Democrat spokesman on Community Relations; Tom King, MP; and Denise Kingsmill, lawyer
8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character: John Florance discusses Edward Elgar with film-maker Ken Russell, playwright David Pownall and biographer Michael Kennedy
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: *The* violinist Itzhak Perlman talks to Paul Vaughan (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Hemingway's Chair, written and read by *Michael Palin*
11.00 Week Ending
11.25 Tea Junction: The last in the series
11.45 As Soon As I Open My Mouth: The final programme about households whose members all have different accents (r)
12.00-12.45am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (LW)

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Answers from page 37

AGABUS
(b) He prophesied in Antioch the famine which was to befall in the days of the emperor Claudius. The Christians in Antioch made a collection and sent Barnabas and Paul with it to Jerusalem. The same Agabus or another prophesied Paul's arrest by the Jews of Jerusalem.

HANNAH
(c) Mother of Samuel. Her husband Elkanah had children by another wife but for many years none came to her. She was noticed by Eli as she prayed in the Temple at Shiloh. Seeing her moving her lips but soundlessly, Eli thought at first that she was drunk but, perceiving his mistake, he blessed her. Back home she bore a child and in gratitude devoted it to God as a servant to Eli. She visited the child regularly, bringing him each year a new little coat.

TAMAR
(c) Daughter of David. Her half-brother Amnon passionately letched after her. Following a plan devised by his friend and cousin Jonadab, he pretended to be ill and asked for Tamar to look after him. He raped her but immediately came to hate her and had his servant throw her out. She was avenged by her full brother Absalom who contrived the murder of Amnon two years later. In a picture by Le Sueur (once thought to depict Tarquin and Lucretia) Amnon threatens Tamar with a knife (the Metropolitan).

CALEB
(b) Son of Jephunneh of the tribe of Judah, close companion of Joshua and, with him, the only one of the Israelites who crossed both the Red Sea out of Egypt and the River Jordan into the Promised Land. "Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh/ Were the only two/ Who ever got through/ To the Land of Milk and Honey."

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Midges do it by the million and in mid-air

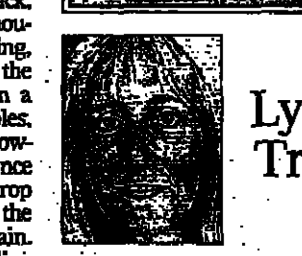
In old-fashioned portrayals of mental hospitals, there was always a wild-haired man in the corner with his arms over his head, dodging an imaginary bombardment and shouting "Get them off me!". I mention this because after last night's **Wildlife on One** (BBC 1), this particular syndrome may well return to prominence. *Lake of the Flies* concerned the midges that form huge, smokey swarms above Lake Victoria, and then travel across the face of the waters. "Legends tell of a choking death rising from the great lakes of Africa," was David Attenborough's rather thrilling opening sentence. The swarms were seen from afar and above — drifts of orange against the blue. And then, with that infuriating "MMM-mmmmmmm" noise that makes you reach for your Flit-Gun, we were in the world of midges, and started scratching our scalps.

Billions of them, there are. And while the swarming may look like safety in numbers, it is in fact a huge mating dance, with the midges all flapping about to meet a partner before a pointless death supervenes. Some of us know the feeling, actually; but what was odd about this communal courtship ritual — and slightly discouraging for the humans watching — was that with literally billions of unattached (and identical) midges to choose from, many of them still couldn't make up their minds. Can midge romantic standards really be so high? Perhaps the constant buzz and circling interferes with the chatting-up process. If they only held still for a minute, they might get somewhere.

Lake Victoria is the size of Ireland, apparently. With their pitifully short and frantic life-cycle, the midges seem to serve no useful purpose, but of course they do. The larva feeds the fish; the hatched midge feeds birds and spiders. For yes, there are spiders on Lake Victoria, living on Spider Island, over which they drape thick, continuous cobwebs like a camouflage net. Meanwhile the buzzing, living smoke charges across the surface of the lake faster than a man can run — some in couples, presumably; others still window-shopping with pursed lips. Once on land, they mate; then they drop their eggs in the water, die, and the whole grisly business starts again. Some expire without fulfilling their reproductive destiny, which is too bad. But on the other hand, they have the consolation of murmuring to their friends: "Don't think much of yours."

Just as David Attenborough narrates all wildlife programmes — and rightly so — Brian Cox is becoming the sine qua non for pretentious documentaries, employing a stern, headmasterish tone that implies "All

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

right, that's enough, settle down". Cox is a great actor with a great voice and a great accent, but the effect is becoming a little tiresome. "Is this a Juliet Stevenson, a Zoë Wanamaker, or a Brian Cox?" they ask themselves. "Well, it's *very* serious." "Why didn't you say? Get Brian Cox."

Last night he narrated BBC 1's **Inside Story**, a film about Caroline Beale, the English woman arrested for murder in New York when found to be carrying a dead new-born baby in a bag under her arm. Mostly, however, the story told itself — Caroline's meek, distraught parents from Chingford, continually reiterating "unreal" and "unbelievable"; the hard-nosed female District Attorney who will prosecute; and Caroline herself, on remand, pushing tears up her cheeks. The point about Caroline's baby is that she denied the pregnancy throughout. Her best friend was dying; and she decided that the baby was dead too. When she gave birth, the defence says she didn't know what was happening.

None of this cuts any ice with Marjory Fisher of the Special Victims Bureau, who upholds (quaintly) that murder is murder. All extenuating circumstances she sweeps aside. "In the US you don't get extra points for killing a baby," she says. "Just because a crime doesn't make sense, doesn't make it any less a crime." All this was unarguable, but there was a subtext which finally betrayed itself. "There are a million people in this state who would give anything to have that child," she said.

Carlton's **Animal Detectives** (ITV) ended last night with a heart-breaking investigation into the Chinese bear-gall industry, in which bears were discovered in tiny cages throughout China, with steel tubes sticking out of them, for the draining of medicinal bile. A chap with a camera toured the state-approved bear farms, and filmed them undercover. *Animal Detectives* was an impressive factual series; and at the risk of sounding bitter and irrational, I never thought I'd say that about Carlton.

For all its worthiness, however, *Animal Detectives* did have its faults. Like that immovable DA in New York, the missionaries from the Environmental Investigation Agency are not interested in the cultural reasons why the endangered species are threatened — in the rhino programme, for example, it was simply asserted that the much-prized rhino horn had less medicinal effect than aspirin. No, murder is murder, and you don't get extra points for killing bears. The other problem with *Animal Detectives* was that, by and large, the import of the programmes was unavoidably racist.

But the agents are heroes, and membership of the EIA has shot up: it's not often you see people on television whom you would genuinely wish to shake by the hand. Also, it is surely only a short time before a major motion picture is inspired by the EIA's activities. If nobody else wants to snap it up, I'll write it myself. Personally, I fancy Jeff Bridges for the lead. But then I always do.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (12918)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (90534111)
9.05 Conan the Adventurer. Animated series (r) (3689869) **9.25 Activ8** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4634668) **9.55 Bird in the Nest.** The first of the day's birdwatching reports from Bill Oddie and Peter Holden (s) (2212666)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9226666) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (2221314)
10.30 Good Morning Summer. Weekday magazine series (s). Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (21030289)
12.25 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (4032840) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (64525937)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (60260) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (35145821)
1.50 Howards' Way. Drama serial set among south coast yachting folk (r). (Ceefax) (8943647) **2.40 Bread.** Carla Lane's comedy series about the resourceful Liverpudlian Boswell family (r) (s) (6104802) **3.10 Gourmet Ireland.** Jeanne and Paul Rankin prepare a seafood buffet (s) (9708227)
3.40 Bird in the Nest. Another live birdwatching report (s) (9786717)
3.45 Dinobabies (r) (9134442) **4.10 X-Men.** (Ceefax) (s) (4328227) **4.30 Round the Twist** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2412937)
4.55 Newsround. (Ceefax) (7866647) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (7453840)
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (817482)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (69)
6.30 Regional news magazines (21). Followed by **Bird in the Nest. Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 The Weekend Show. A celebration of quirky Britain, introduced by Dale Winton (s) (5802)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Vivienne Parry reports on a development by surgeons at Dundee's Royal Infirmary that offers hope to Parkinson's Disease sufferers. (Ceefax) (s) (55)
8.00 Only Fools and Horses. Del decides to become a yuppie (r). (Ceefax) (148482)
8.50 Bird in the Nest (s) (286579)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4395)
9.30 999. Michael Buerk with more reconstructions of incidents from the casebooks of Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (313376)

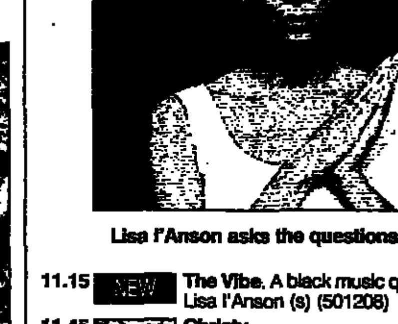


Jack Nicholson, Kathleen Turner (10.20pm)

10.20 FILM: Prizzi's Honor (1985) starring Jack Nicholson and Kathleen Turner. A black comedy about a mafia hitman who falls for a hired assassin. Directed by John Huston (58372482)
12.25am Bird in the Nest (s) (2377048)
12.30 FILM: Horror Express (1972) starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing. A two million-year-old monster wreaks havoc on the Trans-Siberian Express as it is being transported to England encased in ice which thaws. Directed by Eugenio Martin (47883) **2.00 Weather** (6972135)

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8188579)
8.15 FILM: Dangerous Mission (1954) starring Victor Mature. A thriller directed by Louis King, originally shown in 3-D (2446734)
9.30 FILM: Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer, Boris Karloff (1949, b/w). Horror spoof directed by Charles T. Barton (2713937)
10.50 Star Trek. Animated version (2169821)
11.15 FILM: The Little Convict. A children's adventure mixing live action and animation, narrated by Rolf Harris. Directed by Yoram Gross (4576444)
12.30 Working Lunch (34444)
1.00 The Horror of It All. A look at the reason for the popularity of horror movies (8397395)
1.50 Town Portraits. John Grundy visits Washington, Tyne and Wear (r) (22567111) **2.00 Joshua Jones** (r) (69839531) **2.10 Open View** (r) (69868043)
2.20 FILM: Dead on the Money (1991) starring Corbin Bernsen. A thriller directed by Mark Cullingham. (Ceefax) (s). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (803173) and **3.55** (8778482)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (34)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (18)
5.00 Showjumping from Hickstead (5043)
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). (Ceefax) (357666)
6.25 The Champions (r). (Ceefax) (712395)
7.15 Animal Crackers: The Theologian. (Ceefax) (s) (918111)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years — The Eighties. The headlines and hits of 1985 (r). (Ceefax) (s) (47)
8.00 A Country House Reborn (2192)
8.30 Gardeners' World. (Ceefax) (s) (1227)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2937)
9.30 The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. Comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (54208)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. The guests are Terry Major-Ball and Sir Tim Rice (s) (28395)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (993956)

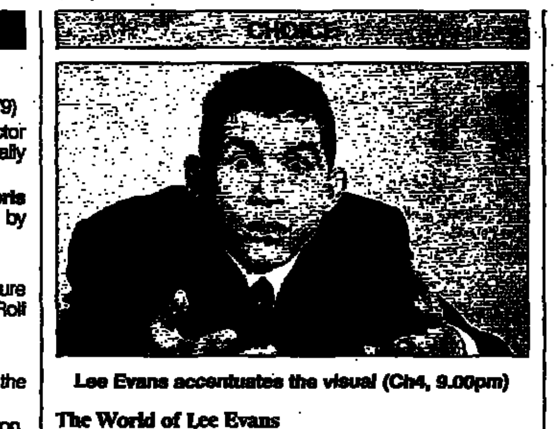


Lisa I'Anson asks the questions (11.15pm)

11.15 The Vibe. A black music quiz chaired by Lisa I'Anson (s) (501208)
11.45 Christy (217208)
12.40am Weather (873749)
12.45 FILM: La Ronde (1950, b/w) starring Anton Walbrook and Simone Signoret. A series of amorous liaisons set in 19th-century Vienna. Max Ophuls directs (606883). Ends at **2.20**

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CHOICE



Lee Evans accentuates the visual (Ch4, 9.00pm)

The World of Lee Evans
Channel 4, 9.00pm

With its emphasis on visual gags, and particularly mime, rather than dialogue, Lee Evans's comedy is almost a throwback to the silent cinema. Or would be if he did not also exploit the comic possibility of sounds. His first television series comprises short dramas, two per programme, long enough to develop a comic idea but not so long as to outstay their welcome. The confrontation between a late-night petrol station attendant and a customer who cannot make himself understood through the glass at the cash point is an inventive exercise in non-verbal communication. In the other sketch Evans is a young man meeting his girlfriend's parents and doing all the wrong things. Both punchlines are startling.

A Country House Reborn
BBC2, 8.00pm

When Uppark, the 17th century country house on the Sussex Downs, was horribly damaged by fire in 1989, there were those who said it should either be demolished or, at best, left as a ruin. To restore the house would be tantamount to creating a fake. The National Trust, which is responsible for the property, disagreed and Uppark is once more open to the public. If there were reservations in principle to restoration, nobody will dispute the quality of the craftsmanship employed to return the house to a more than passing semblance of its former glory. The film celebrates the skill of the plasterer in recreating the ceiling, the wood carver in putting new gold frames round the Rococo mirrors and very much more.

Christy
BBC2, 11.45pm

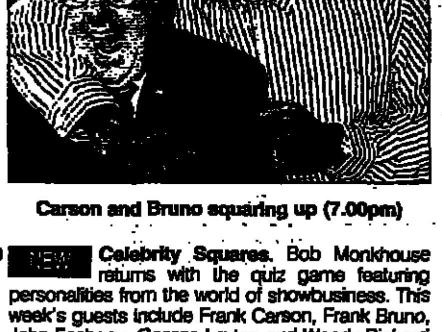
The Irish folk singer-songwriter Christy Moore recalls his life in words and music. Approaching 50, he can afford to be nostalgic and his memories of Newbridge, County Kildare, the garrison town where he grew up, and of the surrounding countryside, are deep and affectionate. He remembers his father's grocer's shop, old-fashioned enough for tea and sugar to be weighed, and the shock of being called home from school at the age of 11 to find black crepe round the door and his father dead. Later Moore moved out of small town life to protest against nuclear power and support the hunger strikers in Northern Ireland. He also admits to a 24-year battle against drink, though from his relaxed style you would never guess it.

Animal Crackers: The Theologian
BBC2, 7.15pm

A crisp little series of personal views about animals concludes with a contribution from Andrew Linzey. He is an Anglican priest and fellow in theology and animal welfare at Mansfield College, Oxford. He is also a vegan. Given this information it is no surprise that he regards Christian theology as embracing animals as well as humans and argues that, as God's creatures, animals, too, have dignity and rights. The infliction of suffering on innocents, human or animal, has no moral justification. Linzey even quotes a passage from Genesis in which God seems to say that we should all be vegetarians. Sceptics may claim that it means nothing of the sort. But there is no disputing Linzey's passion or his sincerity. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON LWT

6.00 GMTV (7645289) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw** with Bob Mills (s) (6339096) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2207734)
10.00 Step by Step. American sit-com (r) (s) (47821)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (81315840) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1099192)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2551685)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (2536376) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (25405376) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (35140376)
2.20 Just a Minute. Nicholas Parsons challenges contestants to talk on a given subject without so much as a hint of repetition or hesitation (s) (12490579)
2.50 High Road (Teletext) (6129111) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (3939482) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3938753)
3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (1364260) **3.45 Molly's Gang** (s) (8136078) **3.55 Tiny Toon Adventures** (s) (2364550) **4.20 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (2193395) **4.35 Delicious** (s) (7145111)
5.10 After 5 with Carol Barnes (Teletext) (7454579)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (802685)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (344192)
6.25 London Tonight (Teletext) (197640)

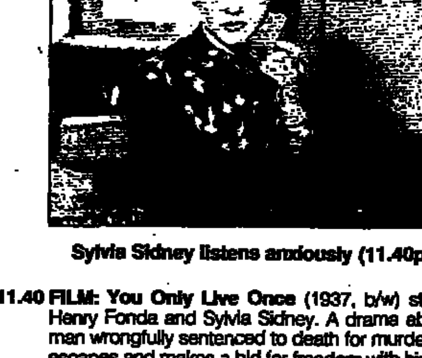


Carson and Bruno squaring up (7.00pm)

7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse returns with the quiz game featuring personalities from the world of showbusiness. This week's guests include Frank Carson, Frank Bruno, John Fashanu, George Layton and Wendy Richard (s) (4258)
7.30 Coronation Street. Deirdre and Ken wait for news from the hospital. (Teletext) (73)
8.00 The Bill: See No Evil. PC Hollis is the sole witness to a fight between two of his colleagues. (Teletext) (6918)
8.30 Surgical Spirit: Rhyme or Reason. A consultant surgeon turns to poetry. (Teletext) (8753)
9.00 The Chief starring Martin Shaw and Julian Glover. Past and present friendships threaten Cade's career. (Teletext) (s) (8227)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weekend weather (15821)
10.30 Richard Littlejohn — Live and Uncut. The controversial columnist is joined by Nigel Benn, Ken Livingstone, Annabel Heseltine and Denis Wise (s) (68734)
12.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (8608593)
12.10am Time Trax: Night of the Savage. Time-travel adventures (s) (5544338)
1.05 The James Whale Show (s) (2544319)
2.05 The Chart Show (s) (7798425)
3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (64661222)
3.25 Noisy Mothers (s) (5039715)
4.30 The New Music. Includes features on Subtractor, the Dave Matthews Band and Juliana Hatfield (98425)
5.30 ITN Morning News (48203). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures Of T-Rex (r) (9288173)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (83111)
9.00 Little Wizards (r) (32598) **9.30 California Dreams.** Comedy drama series (2989111)
9.55 Batman (8893376) **10.20 Mork And Mindy** (r) (2226869)
10.50 Kelly (r) (3553376) **11.20 Pugwall's Summer** (r) (1309956) **11.50 Wildside.** A visit to a crocodile compound (r) (2655043) **12.15 Terrytoons.** A Sad Cat cartoon (2704666)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series. The guest is Maya Angelou (r) (56735) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **The Clangers** (r) (51111)
2.00 FILM: The Bargee (1964, b/w) starring Harry H. Corbett, Julia Foster and Hugh Griffith. An Alan Simpson/Ray Galton comedy about a philandering bargee whose life of loving comes to a halt when one of his girlfriends becomes pregnant. Directed by Duncan Wood. (Teletext) (8840)
4.00 I Camcorder (r). (Teletext) (s) (42)
4.30 Fifteen-To-One. (Teletext) (s) (14)
5.00 The Wild West: 1855-1869 — The Railroad and the Buffalo (r). (Teletext) (s) (9181)
6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy. (Teletext) (s) (79)
6.30 Happy Days. Comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee (r). (Teletext) (521983)
6.55 Terrytoons featuring Lariat Sam (654376)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext). Includes weather at **7.30** (649395)
7.55 You Don't Know Me But . . . A person in the news receives unsolicited advice (978753)
8.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Pow visit Liverpool. (Teletext) (s) (7260)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (6395)
9.00 The World Of Lee Evans (s) (7005)
9.30 Friends. New York based comedy series about six friends in their thirties. (Teletext) (s) (49376)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy with a guest appearance by Ellen DeGeneres. (Teletext) (s) (13463)
10.30 Drop the Dead Donkey. Joy offers to pose nude (r). (Teletext) (s) (236173)
11.05 Eurotrash. Jean Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes introduce the European sleaze magazine (s) (853024). Followed by **Beastly Behaviour: Cockroach.** Animation



Sylvia Sidney listens anxiously (11.40pm)

11.40 FILM: You Only Live Once (1937, b/w) starring Henry Fonda and Sylvia Sidney. A drama about a man wrongfully sentenced to death for murder who escapes and makes a bid for freedom with his wife. Directed by Fritz Lang (924482)
1.15am FILM: Human Desire (1954, b/w) starring Glenn Ford, Gloria Grahame and Broderick Crawford. A drama about a railroad engineer who becomes infatuated with a married woman who tries to persuade him to murder her cruel husband. Directed by Fritz Lang (249593). Ends at **2.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2536376) **1.25** Home and Away (25405376) **1.55** The Young Doctors (35140376) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2828463) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (3938753) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7454579) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (197640) **10.40** Patty Hearst (81260519) **12.40am** The James Whale Show (3892135) **1.40** Noisy Mothers (6188939) **2.35** Coach (6976351) **3.05** Cue the Music (5940883) **3.55** The Album Show (1461067) **4.50** Phenomena (87058609) **5.00** Cinema, Cinema (12425)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20 Gardening Time (12490579) **2.50-3.20** Cowboys in Skirts - The Making of 'Rob Roy' (6129111) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (7454579) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (197640) **10.40** Fort Apache, The Bronx (51933024) **4.20am** Jobfinder (2838135) **5.20** Asian Eye (5705845)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (2536376) **1.25** Home and Away (38327550) **1.50** Blue Heelers (5099918) **2.50-3.20** Travel Trails (6129111) **5.10-5.40** High Road (7454579) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (197640) **10.30** Granada News (717753) **10.40** The Hound of the Baskervilles (19184024) **12.30am** Eye TV (2334609) **1.05** The James Whale Show (2544319) **2.05** The Chart Show (7798425) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema (64661222) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (5039715) **4.30** The New Music (98425)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2536376) **1.25** Home and Away (25405376) **1.55** High Road (64357376) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (5955483) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7454579) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (89) **10.40** Something Strange (432444) **11.10** The 1995 World Music Awards (700444)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (89) **10.40-11.10** Special Report (432444)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2536376) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (25405376) **2.20-2.50** Heirloom (12490579) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (3938753) **5.10** Home and Away (7454579) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Your Story (125078) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (46289) **10.00** News at Ten, Weather (15821) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (248495) **10.45** Magnum (612444) **11.40** Phoenix (943111) **12.40am** The James Whale Show (3892135) **1.40** Noisy Mothers (6188999) **2.35** Coach (6976951) **3.05** Cue the Music (5940683) **3.55** The Album Show (1461067) **4.50** Phenomena (87058609) **5.00** Freescreen (12425)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2207734) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1009840) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1007111) **12.55** Coronation Street (2536376) **1.25** Home and Away (25405376) **1.55** Murder, She Wrote (5098289) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (3938753) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7454579) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (46289) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (717753) **10.40** Married with Children (432444) **11.10** Bodies of Evidence (518314) **12.05am** Go: Top Non Stop (5528330)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2536376) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (25405376) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5955840) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7454579) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (347005) **6.30-7.00** The Fashion Show (89) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (717753) **10.40** Enemy Mine (91260519) **12.40am** The Hidden Room (2386796) **1.10** The James Whale Show (2536390) **2.10** The Big E (7795338) **3.05** The Beat (5931135) **4.00** Shift (1383116) **4.50** Profile (87058609) **5.00** Sportsworld (12425)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (83111) **9.00** Ben Bore O' R Urdd (32598) **9.30** California Dreams (2989111) **9.55** Batman (8893376) **10.20** Mork and Mindy (2226869) **10.50** Kelly (3553376) **11.20** Pugwall's Summer (1309956) **11.50** Terrytoons (4780821) **12.00pm** Sesame Street (48547) **1.00** Slot Meithrin Miri Moro (93598) **1.30** The Five Mrs Buchanans (51111) **2.00** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Bro'r Preseli (8840) **4.00** Saved By The Bell (42) **4.30** Uned 5 (86753) **5.30** Fifteen To One (66) **6.00** Newyddion (708918) **6.15** Heno (706869) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1840) **7.30** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Bro'r Preseli: Uchafbwyntiau'r (24734) **8.30** Newyddion (6395) **9.00** Clasur (7005) **9.30** Gwerth Chwech Nos Sadwrn Fach (155376) **9.45** Lloyds Bank Film Challenge Movin' As A Mascwo (403192) **10.00** Brookside (13463) **10.30** Drop The Dead Donkey (236173) **11.05** Eurotrash (441111) **11.35** Beastly Behaviour: Mud Snail (459550) **11.40** You Only Live Once (924482) **1.15am** Human Desire (249593)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (40463) **8.00** Power Rangers (60395) **8.30** Blockbusters (69686) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (32163) **10.00** Concentration (30717) **10.30** Card Sharks (49802) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (11918) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (83482) **12.30pm** Designing Women (89918) **1.00** The Waltons (77173) **2.00** Matlock (80278) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (5863918) **3.50** DJ Kat (3855550) **4.30** Power Rangers (9734) **5.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (3227) **6.00** Spellbound (3717) **6.30** Family Ties (1579) **7.00** Rescue (4956) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3573) **8.00** Who Do You Do? (6098) **8.30** Code 3 (2111) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (27192) **10.00** Quantum Leap (37579) **11.00** David Letterman (149208) **11.50** LA Law (736918) **12.45am** The Untouchables (2834390) **1.30** In Living Color (10628) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play

SKY NEWS
News on the hour. **6.00am** Sunrise (7396442) **9.30** Report (67598) **10.30** ABC Nightline (47444) **11.00** World News (256024) **1.30pm** CBS News (22937) **2.30** Destinations (77866) **3.30** Those Were the Days (2685) **4.00** World News (96734) **5.00** Live at Five (2649821) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (966289) **8.00** World News (8918) **8.30** The O.J. Simpson Trial (41550) **9.30** Talkback (84050) **11.00** CBS News (16918) **12.30am** ABC News (5835680) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (6940777) **2.30** Destinations (43390) **3.30** Those Were the Days (55135) **4.30** CBS News (45357) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (80203)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (7821869) **10.00 The Sea Wolves** (1980) (83734) **12.00 The Revolutionary** (1970) (72531) **2.00pm Bury Me in Niagara** (1992) (488753) **3.40 Blue Fire Lady** (1976) (339799) **5.15 The Great Gatsby** (1974) (10810735) **7.40 US Top Ten** (268753) **8.00 A Midnight Clear** (1992) (36840) **10.00 Sworn to Vengeance** (1993) (270753) **11.35 A Better Tomorrow II** (1987) (205734) **1.20am Nightmare City** (1987) (870636) **2.55 Blood Brothers** (1993) (4713690) **4.25-6.00 Bury Me in Niagara** (1992). As 2pm (536628)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (17753) **4.00 The Caine Mutiny** (1954) (15139821) **6.05 Bus Stop** (1956) (18955260) **8.00 Dodge City** (1939) (13014) **10.00 Children of the Corn** (1984) (175734) **11.40-2.00am Peeping Tom** (1960) (17758376)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The War Lover (1962) (33173) **8.00 Alice in Wonderland** (1988) (58869) **9.00 Around the World in 80 Days** (95753) **10.00 The Haunted School** (1986) (81376) **12.00 Easy to Love** (1953) (70173) **2.00pm Stage Fright** (1950) (19173) **4.00 Alice in Wonderland** (1988): As 8am (81802) **5.00 Around the World in 80 Days:** As 9am (3287444) **5.55 Stolen Babies** (1993) (66039869) **7.30 The Movie Show** (3173) **8.00 Missing Parents** (1993) (34482) **10.00 Rising Sun** (1993) (62488821) **12.10am The Public Eye** (1992) (553067) **1.50 29th Street** (1991) (486222) **3.30-4.50 A Taste for Killing** (1992) (778226)

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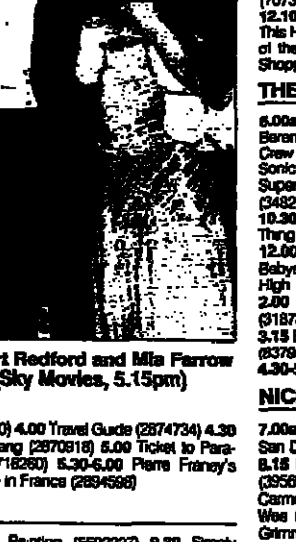
SKY SPORTS
7.00am WWF Action Zone (95314) **8.00** Trans World Sport (96043) **9.00** Pole Position (15531) **10.00** European PGA Golf (845192) **1.00pm** World of Rugby Union (59182) **1.30** Second Innings (11956) **2.00** Get Your Handicap Down (6956) **2.30** European PGA Golf (878395) **5.30** Soccer (7314) **6.00** Trans World Sport (97376) **7.00** The Winning Post, Live from Stratford and Bath (70685) **9.00** Ringside Boxing on the Road, Live. Delroy Bryan v Gary Logan (31821) **10.30** Australian Rugby League (77192) **12.30am** World Soccer Magazine (69767) **1.00-3.00** Australian Rules Football (43970)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00am End Zone (5892869) **7.00** Gillette World Sport Special (5736024) **7.30** Mountain Bikes (2871647) **8.00** European PGA Golf (4659463) **9.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (4652550) **11.00-12.00** European PGA Golf (3726537)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurofun (64024) **8.00** Mountainbike (75666) **8.30** Athletics (58395) **10.00** Live Tennis (377802) **6.45** Mini News (507869) **7.00** Motorsports (78840) **8.00** Formula 1 (1260) **8.30** Motorcycling (3145) **9.00** Tennis (74024) **10.00** Motors (49840) **12.00-12.30am** Mini News (29116)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (8620579) **8.30** Peyton Place (8612550) **9.00** As the World Turns (6944314) **10.00** Guiding Light (4176078) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4271622)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (8823669) **12.30pm** Boomerang (5877550) **1.00** Great Sports Vacations (6178258) **1.30** Pierre Franey (5876821) **2.00** Ticket to Paradise (5732208) **2.30** On Top of the World (2883482) **3.00** Ben Cropp Presents — Ecotourism (3150550) **4.00** Travel Guide (2874734) **4.30** Boomerang (2870918) **5.00** Ticket to Paradise (5718260) **5.30-6.00** Pierre Franey's Cooking in France (2894598)



Robert Redford and Mia Farrow (Sky Movies, 5.15pm)

TLC
9.00am Painting (5502227) **9.30** Simply Delicious (9570192) **10.00** Gardens Without Borders (8105376) **10.30** Men in a Woman's World (5591111) **11.00** Only Human (9984111) **12.00** The Heart of Healing (1213208) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (33331109) **1.00** Simply Delicious (9995227) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (8580579) **2.00** Heaven Must Wait (8106005) **3.00** Gardens Without Borders (4787314) **3.30-4.00** Local Heroes (3275802)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (9958314) **7.30** Neighbours (9977821) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5581734) **8.30** EastEnders (5590005) **9.00** The Bill (5504685) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (7804550) **10.30** Casualty (18834840) **11.35** Going for Gold (63602753) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5584821) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9583666) **1.00** EastEnders (9997685) **1.30** The Bill (9582937) **2.00** The Dawson Watch (4757937) **2.30** Triangle (3205043) **3.00** Knots Landing (6225111) **4.00** Dallas (6211918) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8290579) **5.35** XYZ (8018956) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (9800482) **6.30** EastEnders (3297024) **7.00** Help! (4751753) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (3293208) **8.00** Morecambe and Wise (5919598) **9.00** Casualty (5999734) **10.00** The Bill (5585550) **10.30** Miami Vice (7073192) **11.30** Top of the Pops (5838192) **12.10am** Dr Who (5403661) **12.40** Bless This House (3268203) **1.10** FILM: The Curse of the Car People (1944) (67147864) **2.20** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (45208) **7.00** Berenstain Bears (7537260) **7.15** Tiny and Crew (7149647) **7.30** Casper (47555) **8.00** Sonic (26050) **8.30** Degrassi (76591) **9.00** Super Mario (96173) **9.30** Creepy Crawlers (34821) **10.00** Skeleton Warriors (94598) **10.30** Battletech (25685) **11.00** Swamp Thing (94314) **11.30** Bill and Ted (95043) **12.00** Ready or Not (16937) **12.30pm** Babysitters' Club (45937) **1.00** Gravedale High (22869) **1.30** Where's Wally? (44208) **2.00** Sonic (7774) **2.30** Bad Level 10! (3187314) **2.45** Skeleton Warriors (951289) **3.15** Battletech (941802) **3.45** TCC Presents (8379802) **4.00** California Dreams (8208) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (7192)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickelive! (5863598) **7.15** Carmen San Diego (831127) **7.45** Rugrats (281668) **8.15** Mighty Max (160840) **8.45** Nickelive! (3959937) **9.00** Nick Junior (849918) **12.00** Carmen San Diego (81227) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee (10227) **1.00** Smoggies (57734) **1.30** Grimmy (19598) **2.00** Denver (4598) **2.30** Galaxy High (4840) **3.00** Dungeons and Dragons (3005) **3.30** Alex Mack (8685) **4.00** Mighty Max (5192) **4.30** Rugrats (1376) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (8550) **5.30** Odyssey (5956) **6.00** Doug (2869) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8821)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Wildside (6202260) **5.00** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (4739531) **5.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (3274173) **6.00** Invention (7141840) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (6452802) **7.30** Fire! (3294550) **8.00** Mysteries (5900840) **9.00** Arabia (5997376) **10.00** Future Quest (5583192) **10.30** Invention (5592840) **11.00-12.00** Watching the Detectives (9972376)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Wild Women of Wongo (1965) (8434869) **1.30pm** The Mothers-in-Law (9577005) **2.00** The Avengers (8193531) **3.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (4764840) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (3202956) **4.00** FILM: Gonks Go Beat (1965) (89518163) **5.45** Torchy the Battery Boy (4520032) **6.00** Death Valley Days (3291840) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (5364531) **7.30** Robin Hood (3288376) **8.00** The Avengers (5904686) **9.00** Man in a Suitcase (5964802) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Dr Jekyll and Sister Hyde (1971) (8219550)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (6144840) **7.00** Living Magazine (6051227) **9.00** The Treatment (3743869) **9.30** Kate and Allie (6192227) **10.05** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (6903937) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (87098024) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (9019376) **11.55** The Simple Programme (69563043) **12.00** Kilroy (1142314) **12.55pm** Madhur Jaffrey (8569602) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (3492647) **2.00** Agony Hour (6365847) **3.00** Living Magazine (3041192) **4.00** Infatuation (7619647) **4.30** Crosswits (2759753) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (69292269) **5.30** The Fish Course (5302573) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (8365840) **6.30** Esther (8478395) **7.05** Crosswits (5255950) **7.35** The Young and the Restless (4424376) **8.30** FILM: Women of Brewster Place (1989) (70571444) **11.45-12.00** Gladrags and Glamour (6162024)

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5.00am Awake on the Wildside (94574) **6.30** The Grind (72376) **7.00** 3 from 1 (7546918) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (2740024) **8.00** VJ Ingo (763647) **11.00** The Soul of MTV (13111) **12.00** Greatest Hits (26802) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (35550) **2.00** 3 from 1 (86489519) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix (3960531) **3.00** Cinematic (1735314) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (3403685) **4.00** MTV News (8720463) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix (8743314) **4.30** Dial MTV (9550) **5.00** Real World (3024) **5.30** The Pulse (4442) **6.00** Music Non-Stop (55314) **7.00** MTV Unplugged Collection (94802) **8.00** Most Wanted (56314) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (27531) **10.00** MTV News (736550) **10.15** Cinematic (731005) **10.30** The Zig and Zag Show (95444) **11.00** Partyzone (71395) **1.00am** Soul (62634) **2.00** Videos (7349845)

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7.00am Power Breakfast (7526799) **9.00** Café VH-1 (9622078) **12.00** The Bridge (5898043) **1.00pm** Ten of the Best (5874463) **2.00** Heart and Soul (3714024) **3.00** Into The Music (2425192) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (4035111) **6.15** Prime Cuts (7090579) **7.00** VH-1 for You (4642173) **8.00** VH-1 Soul (4651821) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4871685) **10.00** Jonathan Ross Presents (8626753) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (8602173) **11.00** Around and Around (1926555) **12.00** The Nightfly (4571338) **2.00am** Ten of the Best (8887796) **3.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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FRIDAY JUNE 2 1995

Richardson's poor form clouds West Indies' crushing victory

Benjamin puts strong case for Test place

BY JACK BAILEY

LEICESTER (final day of three): The West Indians beat Leicestershire by 287 runs

FOR a long time yesterday it seemed that the day after the faulty widget had caused the withdrawal from the market of a million cans of beer by the sponsors of this match, the West Indians had withdrawn all interest in the game here and in the £2,500 on offer to the winners, settling for batting practice all morning and a leisurely bowl. But they knew more than those watching about the intense competition for the place of fourth seamer in the first Test match next week.

They were favoured, too, by a brisk shower just before lunch, which freshened the pitch no end, and by the particular need of Kenny Benjamin to prove a point or two after his ups and downs on Wednesday. Benjamin virtually destroyed the Leicestershire batting in his first two overs, shooting out Maddy, Smith and Aftab Habib in his first two overs as they set out on the trail of scoring 418 runs from 60 overs to win.

By the time Benjamin added the wicket of Nixon to his haul, Leicestershire had subsided to 25 for six, he had taken four wickets in five overs, Gibson had entered the fray with two wickets, bowling very fast against some irresolute batting, and Browne had taken two of the five victims he eventually snaffled. The Leicestershire tail wagged, carrying the total to 130, and Millns played well, but so unrepresentative was the team Leicestershire had fielded that Andy Roberts, the West Indies coach, had as many furrows in his brow after the match as he had before.

He could, he said, have asked for better opposition. He did not feel that this match had solved many problems, although he thought the team was pulling together well after some of them had had a go at each other in the West Indies. He would not be drawn on the line-up for the next match, against Northamptonshire, or the Test match that follows, or the absence of Brian Lara, except that Roberts is still expecting him to play at Northampton.

Roberts did admit, however, to being concerned about the form of the captain, Richie Richardson. "He needs more time out in the middle," Roberts said. "He is carrying the worries of the team. He is not yet timing the ball and I think that the injured shoulder which kept him out during the last series has been affecting him."

You could see what he meant. On this tour, Richardson is averaging 16 in first-class cricket, 15 in all cricket. His 60 in the first innings here spoke of a man uncertain of himself and of his destiny. In the second innings, yesterday morning, he was leg-before to Parsons for the second time, playing a stroke to mid-wicket from a ball that would have hit off stump.

So it seems that who will form the fast-bowling battery alongside Ambrose, Walsh and Bishop is not high on Roberts's list of concerns, alongside Lara and Richardson. Gibson can bat, but he bowled badly on the first day here; Winston Benjamin scarcely bowled in this match; Kenny Benjamin looked lethal at times, but his batting is no great shakes. With him in the team the tail could be long.

The West Indians' batting practice was of little account save to show Richardson's continued run of poor form. Williams made a neat half-century before a suicidal stroke against Clarke, who thus took his first wicket for Leicestershire. Adams hit two sixes in an over but, like Richardson, has yet to play a big innings. Only Arthurton and Chanderpaul looked in prime form and Arthurton it was who took the Tetley Bitter man-of-the-match award.

Breathing down his neck, though, was Kenny Benjamin. Yesterday he took the first three wickets in 12 balls to add to his two wickets in two balls that finished off the Leicestershire first innings. His spell of 7-3-21-4 was devastating, even if the opposition was hardly first class.

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SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIANS: First Innings 468 for 7 dec (K L T Arthurton 146, S Chanderpaul 140 not out, R B Richardson 60)

Second Innings

C L Hooper c Dakin b Shenyar	1
S C Williams st Nixon b Clarke	54
*R B Richardson lbw b Parsons	16
J C Adams c and b Pierson	42
K L T Arthurton not out	16
S Chanderpaul not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	8
Total (4 wkts dec)	143

FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-42, 3-100, 4-130.

BOWLING: Parsons 9-3-20-1, Shenyar 7-0-11-1; Dakin 6-1-27-0, Clarke 8 1-0-35-1, Pierson 4-2-15-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 194 (J J Whitaker 75; R Dhanraj 6 for 50)

Second Innings

D L Maddy lbw b K C G Benjamin	4
B F Smith c Williams b K C G Benjamin	6
*J J Whitaker c Browne b Gibson	4
A Habib c Williams b K C G Benjamin	0
†P A Nixon c Browne b K C G Benjamin	10
J M Dakin c Browne b Gibson	0
V P Clarke c and b Gibson	10
G J Parsons c Browne b Hooper	16
D J Millns c W K M Benjamin b Hooper	28
A R K Pierson not out	19
A G Shenyar st Browne b Hooper	19
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 8)	14
Total	130

FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-11, 3-11, 4-15, 5-19, 6-25, 7-45, 8-79, 9-92

BOWLING: K C G Benjamin 11-3-50-4, Gibson 8-1-26-3; Dhanraj 6-1-25-0, W K M Benjamin 1-0-1-0, Hooper 8-1-22-3

Umpires: A A Jones and T E Jesty.



GRAHAM MORRIS

Clarke, of Leicestershire, takes evasive action as Gibson drops short yesterday

Richards may be saved for quarter-final

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DURBAN

WHILE England struggle for the form they will need in the quarter-finals of the rugby union World Cup, they remain confident that Dean Richards has a role to play in the tournament. The Leicester No 8 has spent a frustrating fortnight in South Africa nursing a strained hamstring and may yet miss the final pool B game with Western Samoa here on Sunday, but there is optimism over his ultimate availability.

"I would like to think Dean is in the frame," Jack Rowell, the manager, said yesterday of the team to be named this evening against the Samoans. Medical advice, however, errs on the cautious side; Richards, 31, is said to be improving by the day but Terry Crystal, the team doctor, added: "At the moment I am confident Dean would be fit by the quarter-finals."

That gives Richards nine or ten clear days, depending upon whether England top their pool. Should they beat the popular Samoans, who arrived in Durban yesterday to a sung Zulu welcome and garlanded with *leis*, they are assured of a quarter-final played at sea level in Cape Town on June 11; should they lose, they must play at altitude in Johannesburg 24 hours earlier.

Not that the latter is worth the constant repetition given here of the canard that England are prepared to "throw" a match so as to ensure a more favourable quarter-final: Australia or South Africa will be difficult any time, anywhere.

Otherwise England's casualty list is meagre: Will Carling, the captain, is expected to train today while Rob Andrew, Jerry Guscott and Rory Underwood, all of them sore after a bruising encounter with Italy on Wednesday night, should be available. The main selection debate is whether to rest key players or to field the optimum XV in the interests of continuity.

"We need to pick for the quarter-final on form to date," Rowell said, though form in the six-point win over Argentina and seven-point win over Italy does not offer great choice. Rowell suggested that Andrew, whose well-being is vital to the side, would not necessarily play against the Samoans but that leaves Mike Catt as the alternative, and it will not help to switch him from full back now.

There is a strong argument for resting Tim Rodber or Ben Clarke, Jason Leonard or Martin Bayfield, to ensure they are fresh for the quarter-final. There are, after all, seven players in the squad who have yet to appear and who are champing at the bit. Yet that must be balanced against the beneficial effects of winning the first international meeting with Western Samoa, who have enjoyed a wonderful World Cup so far but will miss their stand-off half and goalkicker, Darren Kellett.

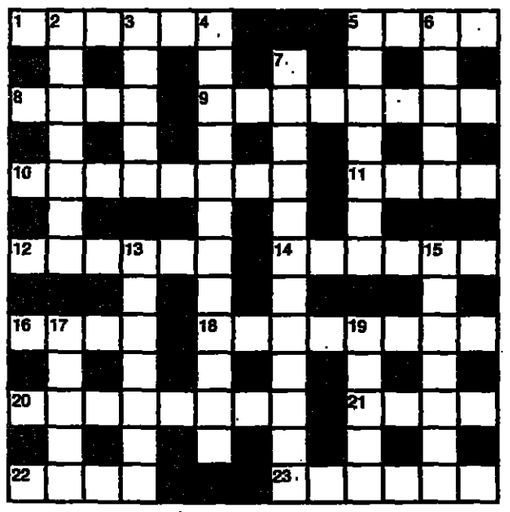
A dislocated collarbone has put him out of the tournament but his replacement, Sam Kaleta, is a back-row forward because the Samoans are also worried that the experienced flanker, Junior Paramore, who has a cracked bone in his hand, will not be fit either.

Wales, who play Ireland in pool C on Sunday to decide who qualifies for the last eight with New Zealand, are expected to revert to a more conventional pack. Gareth Llewellyn will take over from Greg Prosser in the second row, leaving the selectors to ponder their make-up of the back row. Adrian Davies should return at stand-off after injury.

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Old Black magic 40
Rob Andrew 40
Enigmatic French 41

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Be promoted; accelerate (4,2)
5 Jump (to throw rider) (4)
8 Be slavish; pale colour (4)
9 Herb "for remembrance" (Ophelia) (8)
10 Temporary birthrate rise (4,4)
11 Lake mud deposit (4)
12 Unpowered aircraft (6)
14 Slave to drug (6)
16 Rough edge; sticky seed-case (4)
18 Ship's stern platform (4,4)
20 Get, make smaller (8)
21 Object of (heathen) worship (4)
22 Story of ancient heroes (4)
23 Made in verse (6)

DOWN
2 Hard labour (7)
3 Small coin (5)
4 Titillating, obscene (12)
5 Dazed (7)
6 Christmas song (5)
7 I haven't the faintest idea (3,2,7)
13 Sort of Muslim monk (7)
15 Depression (weather) (7)
17 Oneness (5)
19 Flower, made into chains (5)

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ACROSS: 1 Principal 6 Peg 8 Scent 9 Mob rule 10 Stroll 12 Avert 13 Blanch 14 Hilary 17 Yodel 19 Lintel 21 Open air 22 Bravo 23 Dot 24 Exactness

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Schaller tumbles to qualifier

FROM STUART JONES TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

AN UNKNOWN figure intruded into the sedate progress of the established contenders at the French Open tennis championships yesterday. Scott Draper, an Australian novice who will not come of age until Monday, achieved a feat that had been beyond Pete Sampras.

He beat Gilbert Schaller, who had eliminated the second seed in the first round on Wednesday. A left-hander being touted as the new Rod Laver, he saved three match points before going through 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, 8-6 in a dozen minutes short of four hours.

The 20-year-old from Brisbane had done nothing in the past to suggest that he might enter the main draw here, let alone reach the last 32. Other than sharing the Wimbledon junior doubles title with Steven Baldas in 1992, his list of notable honours is empty.

Apart from the Australian Open in January, when he received a wild card and lost in the first round, he had never merited a place in a grand slam championship field. Last year his prize-money amounted to the princely sum of £600. But he is developing rapidly, climbing some 300 places in the world rankings each year, and he has already learnt to treat adversity with contempt. Against Schaller, the Austrian who has beaten four members of the top ten this year, he was often down and seemingly out.

At 4-5 in the third set, he saved his first match point. At 4-5 in the ensuing tie-break, he was two points from being eliminated. He recovered from a 0-3 deficit in both the fourth and fifth sets and pulled himself back from the brink twice more at 5-6.

Dragging Schaller to the net with one of several heavily disguised drop shots, he completed the decisive break with a backhand pass to lead 7-6. In spite of committing his fifth double fault — he was contrastingly credited with 21 aces — he held on for his improbable victory.

It was his fifth so far at Roland Garros. Seeded seventh in the qualifying competition, he beat among others Roland Agenor, who featured in the quarter-final here, albeit in 1989. Taken to five sets by Jonas Bjorkman in the first round, he has already played some 172 games. Climbing into the void left by the departure of Sampras at the bottom of the draw, he has dismissed two opponents ranked in the top 25.

Since Marc Rosset, the 16th seed, was also removed from the section yesterday, Draper could raise his stature still further. He was taken aback by his own success.

"I can't believe I won," he said, "especially in five sets." He said his attacking philosophy was natural. "The only thing I know is to be aggressive. When you are down, you've got nothing to lose."

With Mark Philippoussis, another youngster, who has been given a wild card for the tournament at Queen's, and Andrew Ilie, another qualifier also reaching the third round, Australian tennis again looks healthy. Draper claims to be too young to remember his nation's golden days.

Stefan Edberg's memory keeps returning to 1989. He confesses that his dream of collecting the one grand slam title to have eluded him probably ended the when he missed his chances in the final against a precocious 17-year-old, Michael Chang.

Unseeded for the first time at Roland Garros, the 29-year-old Swede had the misfortune to meet another former Wimbledon champion in prime form, Michael Stich. Dismissed in straight sets, Edberg was the only distinguished casualty. Of the 32 seeds, 24 are still in contention.

Mary Pierce, the Australian Open champion and beaten finalist here last year, was 3-5 down to Christine Singer, of Germany, in her second-round match before finding her touch to go though 7-5, 6-0.



Pierce: safely through

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Lewis offered $9m to meet Tyson

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

AN OFFER of $9 million (£5.8 million) to Lennox Lewis to meet Mike Tyson has been turned down by Panos Eliades, Lewis's chief negotiator, it was revealed yesterday. The millionaire accountant said that Don King, Tyson's manager, had made him the offer an hour before Lewis met Lionel Butler in the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight championship final eliminator in Sacramento three weeks ago.

"Nine million is a lot of money and most people would have bitten off his hand for that," Eliades said. "It looks phenomenal money, but not when you remember how much there is in the pot — $50 million. So, I thought, why should King take $20 million, Tyson $20 million and Lennox get only $9 million? I told King that, if he was prepared to talk sensibly, we would talk. I asked him for $25 million."

Eliades did not think his demand was too high as, according to him, the WBC convention at Seville last October, had passed a resolution that the percentage split between a champion and Tyson should be 55-45. Although Lewis is no longer a champion, both parties are assuming that the British boxer would regain the title before meeting Tyson.

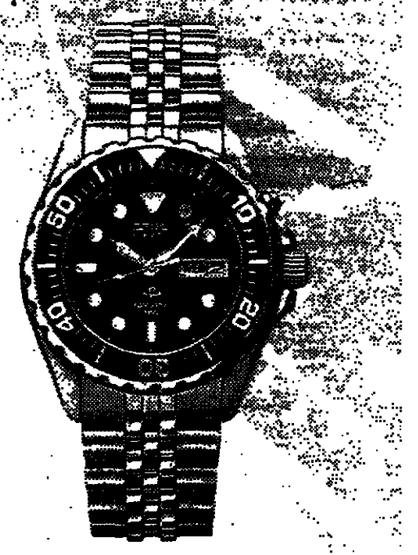
Eliades said: "I told Lennox about King's offer the next day and he agreed that I had done the right thing. He was not overawed by the figure of $9 million. Lennox wants to earn money but he wants a good deal all round as well.

"King said the fight would be a joint promotion by us and him, but he wanted to have complete control, even decide what money Lennox should get."

Eliades said that he had paid Lewis between $3 million and $4 million a contest when he was champion. While King had not mentioned when Tyson wanted to meet Lewis, Eliades assumed the promoter was thinking about a world title defence by Lewis in May next year. King told Eliades that Tyson would not be ready to fight for the title until April.

According to Eliades, the American casinos are prepared to pay a site fee of $15 million. Pay-per-view television in the United States alone would realise around $30 million and British and international rights would bring in another $10 million, at least.

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